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Town Manager proposes a \$108.9M budget

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WILMINGTON — Wilmington's 2018 fiscal year budget is recommended at \$108,914,698 which is a \$5,027,324 increase from the current budget.

It should be noted, however, that an amount of \$5,000,000 (up from \$3.5 million last year) is recommended to be put into various reserve accounts not for immediate expenditure. Excluding the transfers into reserve accounts and non-discretion-

ary accounts such as statutory charges, the budget is increasing \$2,309,576 which is 2.56 percent.

Costs for Wilmington Public Schools are estimated to go up by \$1,223,921; Shawheen Tech is estimated to go up by \$225,000; and the costs associated with supporting the municipal government are estimated to go up by \$981,357.

At the beginning of his presentation of the recommended fiscal year 2018 budget, Town Manager Jeffrey Hull stated that "the focus

remains on developing a budget which provides each department with adequate resources while at the same time ensuring that the expenses don't outpace our available resources. The budget continues the longstanding practice of conservative revenue estimates with an eye towards establishing and continuing a rainy day fund that protects residents against significant impacts that may come with the next economic downturn."

Hull also stated the importance of building financial

resources to account for the town's long term financial obligations, because while they are not immediately pressing, it is the responsibility of the town to take steps that will lessen the burden on future generations to honor the town's long-term commitments.

In regards to Wilmington's local economy, the residential sector has shown an increase in value. Home values have increased from a low, in 2013, of \$349,457 for the average home up to a current value of \$423,885.

Based on information from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Wilmington's unemployment rate is down to 2.3 percent as of November 2016, the last month for which the information is available. At the same time in 2015, unemployment was at 3.9 percent. It is also notable that Wilmington is below the state unemployment rate of 2.9 percent.

The cost driver in the budget for fiscal 2018 is employee compensation and benefits; the town's retirement assess-

ment is increasing 9.31 percent, which equates to \$531,142 from the current amount which is a little over 5.7 million. The town's health insurance is expected to remain level-funded, which is unusual.

Looking at the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association's pool of health insurance communities, their insurance rates are increasing anywhere from four to 15 percent. Also, the various other insurances

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Tech enrollment follows trend of district and state

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — According to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's spreadsheet for the fiscal years 2014-2017, foundation enrollment at Shawheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School is down 2.17 percent.

Shawheen Tech Superintendent Tim Broadrick explains where these numbers come from.

"It's not exactly the number of student attending the schools," he says. "The Department of Education counts students who participate in out-of-district schools and charter schools. It's an indication of each school's projected enrollment."

The foundation enrollment numbers for the district are something to which Broadrick gives special attention.

"I need to pay attention to all five of our member communities and think about the factors that influence students' choices to apply and enroll at the Tech," he says.

Broadrick insists that the Tech's numbers are encouraging, considering the rate at which public school system enrollment numbers have been dropping in the district. "The district as a whole has

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Tellier celebrates 100 years and a life of many accomplishments

By Sheryl Walsh
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WILMINGTON — Elizabeth Jane (Winchell) Tellier was born on Jan. 3, 1917. This year she celebrated her 100th birthday and a life of many accomplishments.

She has her family of course, but also add to her legacy the fact she founded a program that grew to be Cape Abilities, a service organization for people with disabilities. Her drive and talent is still evident today. Despite aging and dealing with having broken her hip last spring, she is witty and cheerful. She is a wealth of knowledge and inspiration.

Tellier was born in North Rose, New York where as a young woman she set herself apart by attending college. In 1938 she graduated from the University of Rochester with a degree in psychology and a minor in sociology. After college, she be-

came a teacher at a girls' boarding school.

"It was depression times; you take any job you could get," she says. "I just wanted a job doing something."

Soon though, she was able to find a position as a social worker in Rochester.

Also after college, she married her childhood sweetheart, Eugene H. Tellier. They met when she was 15. Eugene played opposite Elizabeth in a high school play.

"That teacher who cast me in that play did me a real big favor," she says with a warm and loving smile.

They were married for 71 years. Her husband passed away in 2010.

It was her husband who brought them to Massachusetts when he found a job as a banker in Lowell. They first lived in Chelmsford. They had five children — one girl and four boys. The youngest boy,

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◀Elizabeth Jane Tellier celebrated her 100th birthday this month. She is pictured with her granddaughter, Joy Chisholm. (Photo by Maureen Brady)

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Initial planning for superintendent search gets underway

By KRISTA BRESNAHAN
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WILMINGTON — On Monday night the School Committee held a meeting to start planning the search for

a new superintendent.

There are currently approximately 50 openings for superintendents in Massachusetts.

"This is going to be a challenge, it's going to require a lot of our time. Even if we

pair down some of the activities that we did in the past, it does require a lot of time. We'll need all hands on deck," said Chair Julie Broussard about the search.

The first decision that was made at the meeting was

that the whole School Committee will play a part in the process of finding a new superintendent. Last time, four years ago, the process started with a subcommittee of three.

It was also decided that

School Committee Chair Julie Broussard will be the point person of the committee and will delegate equal responsibilities to the others who are involved.

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Trivia Night to support Wilmington Wildcat Bands

WILMINGTON — On Saturday, March 18, the Wilmington Wildcat Band Parents & Friends will host a Trivia Night with Trivia Hostess and DJ Kathi Zerkle at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus. Plan for a fun-filled night of dancing and trivia. The primary purpose of this event is to raise funds to support the Wilmington Wildcat Band programs and scholarships.

The Wilmington Wildcat Bands are a major source of pride for the Town of Wil-

mington and are comprised of a talented group of students who are pursuing their interest in music. Wilmington is fortunate to have multiple bands within the school system including: the WHS Marching Band, the WHS Jazz Band, WMS Junior Jazz Band, WPS Advanced Band, and the WPS Elementary Band. Collectively, there are more than 350 talented students involved in these various bands.

Every contribution makes a direct impact on the chil-

dren and the families of Wilmington and those members of the Wilmington Wildcat Bands. Funds raised provide scholarships for seniors, defer various costs for the annual band camp trip (including transportation and chaperones to accompany students), and assist with incremental costs for supplies and other activities that the bands require.

For more information, call 978-771-0810 or email whswildcatbandsparents@gmail.com.

Martignetti recognized for academic excellence

WORCESTER — The Worcester Academy Upper School proudly announces its First Semester Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for the

2016-2017 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each Worcester Academy student has earned through academic excellence,

challenge, and personal growth.

Among the students is Tia Martignetti of Wilmington, Grade 11, First Honors.

Two make Dean's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the Dean's List for the fall semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the college full time.

Fitchburg State University enrolls 7,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

The following students from Wilmington were named to the Dean's List for fall 2016:

- **Wilmington**
- Courtney A. Jensen
- Brendan B. O'Flaherty

Alatalo spending semester in Madrid

CLINTON, N.Y. — Rachel M. Alatalo, daughter of Judith and David Alatalo of Wilmington, is participating in Hamilton College's Academic Year (HCAYS) in Madrid, Spain, for the spring 2017 semester. The program is directed by Hamilton's Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies Edna Rodriguez-Plate.

HCAYS, now in its 43rd session, offers small liberal arts-oriented classes and the opportunity to enroll directly in the Madrid University system. Participants must speak only Spanish at all times, both in and outside of class.

Through personal contact with the culture, language,

ideals and customs of another nation, participants step beyond the familiarity and comforts of their own environment to gain a new perspective on international affairs and a greater respect for and understanding of another people.

Alatalo, a junior majoring in creative writing and Hispanic studies, is a graduate of Wilmington High School.

Hamilton, a liberal arts college with an emphasis on individualized instruction and independent research, is a national leader in teaching effective writing and persuasive speaking. Additional information about the college can be found at www.hamilton.edu.



Wilmington Congregational Church is pleased to introduce their new pastor who joined the church on Jan. 1, 2017: Emanuel Oglice and his wife Bianca, plus their adorable little girls three-year old Eliza and four-month old Esthera. Emanuel has been in ministry for more than 10 years and has served locally in Lexington and Winchester, as well as on the mission field abroad. Bianca is a gifted musician and has a passion for teaching the Bible and for missions. Eliza has already joined them in overseas missions work and is fast learning her parents' Romanian language. Esthera is a beautiful healthy infant. Please be in prayer as they enter into this new year together in worship and service The Lord. Join them for fellowship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

News and notes from WCTV

By SHAUN NEVILLE
WCTV Executive Director

This Saturday is WCTV's annual "Donations from the Heart" food drive, held each year on the weekend before Valentine's Day.

We'll be collecting items and cash donations at the Wilmington Market Basket from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Wilmington Food Pantry.

Kids from our weekend youth program will be passing out lists when you walk in, showing which items might be good to donate. The Food Pantry won't turn anything away, but notes that the shelves are currently well stocked with pasta and peanut butter. On their priority list: condiments, canned fruit,

pancake mix and syrup.

If you're doing your weekend shopping on Saturday morning, please consider stopping by our table at the front of the store to help a good cause.

New Programs:

These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9 / Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22 / Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99 / Verizon 39). You can also watch or listen to them at WCTV.org.

- **In the Loop** (WCTV Education): The show, produced by the school department, is focused on curriculum this month. Guests include Assistant Superintendent Sean Gallagher and Lisa Marie Ippolito, Director of STEM.
- **Book Stew** (WCTV Pub-

lic): Host Eileen MacDougall is on location again this month! Learn about the HyperText Book Store and Café in Lowell.

Upcoming Meetings:

These air on WCTV's Government Channel (Comcast 22 / Verizon 38) and stream live at WCTV.org.

- School Committee - Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen - Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Please note that the selectmen will be gathering input on "cable-related needs" in town, including how the community sees WCTV. Please consider either attending the meeting or writing a letter/email to the board, detailing why you find us to be a good resource.

Check out WCTV.org for

more information on when programs will be televised and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment. Produce a show, help in studio or cover a community event that you care about! We're here to make the process as simple as possible.

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Early Childhood Preschool Registration

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Early Childhood Preschool Registration

Locations: Boutwell Early Childhood Center (978-694-6070) and Wildwood Early Childhood Center (978-694-6010)

Dates of Registration: March 6, 7, 8, 9, 2017 (Monday - Thursday)

TIMES FOR REGISTRATION:

Boutwell Childhood Center	Wildwood Childhood Center
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM	12:45 PM to 2:15 PM

IF YOUR CHILD REACHES AGE (3) on or before August 31, 2017 he/she can register for Preschool
TUITION: Tuition for 2017-2018 - \$2,800 (or \$280 a month for 10 months (Half Day Program AM/PM))
 \$6,000 or \$600 a month for 10 months (Full Day Program)

SCHEDULE:	BOUTWELL	WILDWOOD
AM session	8 AM to 10:30 AM	8:30 AM to 11 AM
PM session	11:05 AM to 1:35 PM	11:30 AM to 2 PM
Full day	8 AM to 1:15 PM	8:50 AM to 2:05 PM

The following items must be presented at the time of registration to be entered into the preschool lottery:

- I. Original birth certificate with official seal
- II. Medical Information:
 - a. Most recent physical examination information and immunizations record
 - III. Proof of Occupancy (one of the following items)
 - Gas/Oil Bill, Electric Bill, Home (not cell) Telephone Bill, Cable Bill, Water Bill (Note: Bill must be dated within the past 45 days and address and name must be stated)
 - Recent bill (other than that stated above dated within the past 45 days showing Wilmington address and name. However, a Residency Statement/Affidavit is REQUIRED with this option. Please refer to district's website www.wpsk12.com and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used.)
 - Occupancy Statement/Affidavit must be notarized if a bill can not be provided prior to student's enrollment (please refer to district's website www.wpsk12.com and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Occupancy Statement/Affidavit")
 - IV. Proof of Residency. (one of the following items)
 - a. Record of recent mortgage payment and/or property tax bill
 - b. Fully signed and executed Lease and/or Rental Agreement (Must be executed by both parties)
 - Notarized Landlord/Owner of Property Affidavit (please refer to district's website www.wpsk12.com and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Residency Statement/Affidavit")
 - Fully signed and executed Purchase and Sale (P&S) Agreement (provided occupancy date occurs within 30 days of enrollment)
 - Section 8 Agreement
 - V. Proof of Identity (one of the following items)
 - Valid MA Driver's License
 - Valid MA Photo ID Card
 - Valid Passport
 - Other Government issued Photo ID

If your child's name is drawn, a \$25 registration fee (check or money order, no cash) will be due one week after the lottery is drawn. This fee will secure your child's enrollment in the preschool program. Please make checks payable to: Wilmington Preschool.

All of the above forms can be found on our WPS Website at www.wpsk12.com

Early Childhood Kindergarten registration

Wilmington Public Schools

Wilmington, MA 01887

Early Childhood Kindergarten registration

Children entering the Wilmington Public Schools, either kindergarten or first grade, must register during the week of March 13-17, 2017*

Wildwood Early Childhood Center

9 - 11 a.m. and 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.

Boutwell Early Childhood Center

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.

If your child reaches age five on or before Aug. 31, 2017 he/she should register for kindergarten at this time.

If your child reaches age six on or before Aug. 31, 2017 he/she should register for first grade at this time, if not already attending a Wilmington Public School Kindergarten program.

In accordance with School Committee policy, no child will be registered to enter first grade if he/she has not turned six prior to Aug. 31, 2017 even if they have completed a kindergarten program elsewhere.

The following items must be presented at the time of registration:

- I. Original birth certificate with official seal
- II. Medical Information
 - Most recent physical exam information and immunizations record
 - III. Proof of Residency (one of the following items)
 - Record of recent mortgage payment and/or property tax bill
 - Fully signed and executed Lease and/or Rental Agreement (Must be executed by both parties)
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 - Other Government issued Photo ID

NOTE: Parents registering children for kindergarten will also register at this time for the Early Childhood Kindergarten/Preschool screening. This screening will be conducted in May, further information will be provided at the time of registration.

Also, screening is available to three and four year olds whose parents believe that their child has a reasonable likelihood of having any disabilities. Parents of three and four year olds wishing to have their child screened may also schedule an appointment during the above dates at the Boutwell and Wildwood Early Childhood Centers.

*All of the above as well as multiple forms can be found on WPS website: www.wpsk12.com

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 by Todd Brisbois



CONTRIBUTE TO RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS IN 2017 TO LOWER 2016 TAXES - PART II -

If you haven't already funded your retirement account for 2016, do so by April 17, 2017. That's the deadline for contributions to a traditional IRA, deductible or not, and to a Roth IRA. However, if you have a Keogh or SEP and you get a filing extension to October 16, 2017, you can wait until then to put 2016 contributions into those accounts.

For 2016, the maximum IRA contribution you can make is \$5,500 (\$6,500 if you are age 50 or older by the end of the year). For self-employed persons, the maximum annual addition to SEPs and Keoghs for 2016 is \$53,000.

Although choosing to contribute to a Roth IRA instead of a traditional IRA will not cut your 2016 tax bill—Roth contributions are not deductible—it could be the better choice because all withdrawals from a Roth can be tax-free in retirement. Withdrawals from a traditional IRA are fully taxable in retirement. To contribute the full \$5,500 (\$6,500 if you are age 50 or older by the end of 2016) to a Roth IRA, you must earn \$117,000 or less a year if you are single or \$184,000 if you're married and file a joint return.

The amount you save for making a contribution will vary. If you are in the 25 percent tax bracket and make a deductible IRA contribution of \$5,500, you will save \$1,375 in taxes the first year. Over time, future contributions will save you thousands, depending on your contribution, income tax bracket, and the number of years you keep the money invested.

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History:

Winter at Silver Lake brought people together

By CAPT. LARZ NEILSON

Silver Lake 100 years ago was very nice in the summer, but it was in the winter, when people from Charlestown and other Boston suburbs were gone, that the people of Silver Lake had a sense of really belonging.

It was then that the farming community snuggled down for the winter, that the commuters from Silver Lake found the railroad station a welcome shelter against the icy blasts, and that the kids had their best season, skating on the lake, flirting with danger from the open pond where ice had been cut, or sliding on Pop's Hill.

"Pop" was Pop Neilson, uncle of this writer, the father of a brood of six, and owner of "The Elms, at the corner of Harnden Street and Glen Road, a 17-room house. "Pop" had a farm of about 20 acres, encompassing most of the land between Main Street, Glen Road and Harnden Street, plus land on the opposite side of Glen Road.

In those days, there was a

path that led down the hill to the brook, with a bridge across the brook. On the other side, a path led to Mrs. Mysherrall's store, on Main Street opposite Grove Avenue. The arched bridge over the brook was something less than three feet wide, and without side rails. It caused a very pleasant sensation, in the winter time, to slide over that bridge. After streaming down the hill, with the wind pulling tears from the eyes, there would be a sudden sensation of a take-off as the sled went over the bridge and continued on another 50 feet to a final stop.

If by any chance, the slider missed the bridge, the water was ice cold, and the nearest house seemed miles away, to little feet.

Someone, perhaps it was "Pop" or one of his sons, or perhaps it was a friend, provided a real thrill for all the youngsters sliding on Pop's Hill when he provided a huge double-runner sled. The center piece was a long oaken plank on which every-

one would sit astride. On each side, about a foot below, were two boards, the same length as the center plank, for the riders' feet. The center piece was carefully finished.

The front runners were capable of being steered by an iron wheel of rugged cast iron, about 12 or 14 inches in diameter, and a husky youth was always required, if the Double Runner, for so it was called, were to be used. Manpower was needed to steer that sled — no boy was strong enough.

Seven or eight adults or as many as 14 youngsters under eight years old being allowed, unless his father was in the seat behind him.

Saturday mornings were the best time. Children were not at school, and even in those days, there were offices that were not open on Saturdays, so that there were some adults present to take care of certain necessities with regards to the sled.

For in addition to having a husky driver, several husky pushers were a most valu-

able asset with that sled.

The driver, properly muffled, would get into place, a woolen scarf wrapped around his neck, and mittens or gloves protecting his hands from the cold cold iron of the wheel with which he steered the sled.

Then assorted school children would get on behind the driver, sitting astride, each having the legs of the next person outside his body. Finally, the last person, an adult would sit on the back end, and several husky youths would start the sled by running and pushing for some 20 yards.

Then came the never-to-be-forgotten sudden sinking sensation of sliding down the hill amidst whooping and hollering companions, the sudden rise at the bridge, and the gradual slow-down as the sled approached Main Street.

Perhaps 15 or 20 miles an hour was all that the sled achieved, but that was a tremendous speed in those days, when the traffic signs on Main Street forbade a

speed over 12 miles an hour.

Kids who tried to catch up to the Double Runner on their own sleds were unable to do so, so without a doubt, it was the fastest thing around at that time — and for the people who steered, there was always the added fillip of wondering whether or not the sled would make the bridge or land in the brook instead, sending a dozen or so people streaming home for a quick change of clothes.

The old Double Runner has long since disappeared, as has the bridge across the brook. Much later, Glen Road would be closed off at Pop's barn, so that youngsters could slide on the hill.

During the winter, Silver Lake always makes noises on the coldest nights, as the ice expands. All night long, when the wind came out of the northwest, there could be heard a series of thumps as the tortured ice cracked, to relieve the pressure of the zero temperature freezing the ice more and more solidly.

Those thumps could be heard a half mile away, and

were (and still are) loud enough to wake a nearby person from a sound sleep.

The thumps were always very mysterious, especially to the younger set, who would hear a sound such as a burglar might make while climbing the cellar stairs. The writer was not alone in this imagination, for each of his companions confessed similar imaginations.

There were 14 steps from the basement floor to the kitchen, and it was not until after the count of thumps reached 15 that the youngster, lying in bed, would be certain that what he had heard was not a burglar, but just the ice on the lake.

The cold snaps would continue for several days, then as now, with the wind out of the northwest, but then one morning the people of Silver Lake would awake to hear the chimes of the clock in the steeple of the Congregational Church, and they would know that the cold snap was over, for the time being — but that perhaps, it was going to snow instead.

Mass. Hospital Association decries Trump's immigration policy

By STAFF REPORTS

BURLINGTON — The Burlington-based Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association (MHA) has decried President Donald Trump's executive order suspending the refugee admissions system for 120 days for people from seven countries — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

The group pointed out foreign-born employees make up a significant portion of the Massachusetts hospital workforce and attempts to limit admission (or readmission) to the United States can impede research and medical care, as well as send a negative, non-inclusive message to them.

The 10 Massachusetts member hospitals that responded as of early Friday to a quick MHA member survey found that those hospitals currently have more than 3,600 green card or visa holders among their employees, MHA officials reported.

The Winchester Hospital and other area hospitals are members of MHA.

"The largest percentage of these individuals are employed at academic medical centers, which are among the leading research and training facilities in the world," said MHA President & CEO Lynn Nicholas, FACHE in Burlington. "But just about every hospital across the commonwealth employs some level of foreign-born employees. And while we don't have specific numbers, we know that other healthcare workers have spouses and family members on green cards as well."

Last week, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey announced that Massachusetts would join a lawsuit filed by ACLU Massachusetts challenging the president's executive order. MHA Vice President of Government Affairs Mike Sroczyński joined Healey at the media conference announcing the lawsuit, saying, hospitals rely on an influx of medical professionals and that "the current travel ban will have a disproportionate and significant effect on the healthcare sector in Massachusetts."

MHA also has noted that many Massachusetts hospitals serve large populations of international patients and that some of these individuals, and their families who would otherwise travel with them for care in Massachusetts, will be affected adversely by the Trump administration's immigration and travel ban.

Governor Charles Baker also issued a statement in support of the Attorney General's court challenge.

Opposition to the Executive Order was widespread among the Massachusetts medical community.

The Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals released a statement signed by 11 Boston hospital CEOs stating: "Our hospitals were founded by civic and religious leaders who sought to create safe havens of healing and care open to all regardless of nation of origin, religion, social status or ability to pay — President Trump's executive order on immigration runs counter to these founding principles ... The President's executive

order threatens to undermine the fundamental mission of our hospitals — patient care, medical education, research and community health improvement — and it should be rescinded."

Dr. John Halamka, chief information officer at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and a national

leader in health IT, said, "Information Technology is a global industry and several of my most talented staff are from countries outside the US, including those listed in the travel ban."

"The sudden and disruptive action to deny entry to clinicians and caregivers traveling for business or personal

reasons is particularly chilling and deeply distressing to the medical community which cares every day for people without regard to nationality, religion or ethnicity," MHA's Nicholas said. "It is clear both the Massachusetts healthcare workforce and our patients are indeed a global village."

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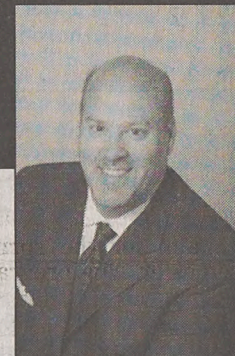
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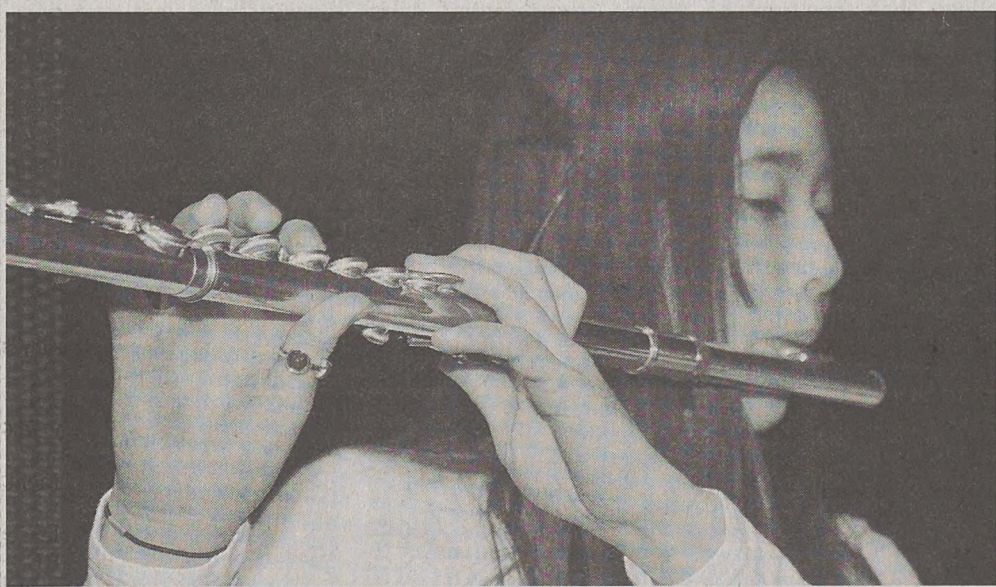


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Beautiful music

Lila Won, a 7th grade student at the Wynn Middle School played flute during a concert recently at TMHS.
(Photo by Maureen Brady)

17 students make Dean's List, President's List at Framingham State

FRAMINGHAM — The following local Framingham State University students were named to the Dean's List or the President's list for the Fall 2016 semester:

- Scott Callahan of Tewksbury was placed on the Dean's List.
- Christine Duggan of Tewksbury was placed on the President's List.
- Amanda Fiorello of Tewksbury was placed on the President's List.
- Samantha Florino of Tewksbury was placed on the Dean's List.
- Jessica Gavin of Tewksbury was placed on the President's List.
- Kaitlyn Gordon of

Tewksbury was placed on the President's List.

- Tess Irving of Tewksbury was placed on the Dean's List.
- Tiffanie Marsh of Tewksbury was placed on the President's List.
- Patricia Meyers of Tewksbury was placed on the President's List.
- Alicia Miller of Tewksbury was placed on the Dean's List.
- Mark Albano of Wilmington was placed on the President's List.
- Allison Carroll of Wilmington was placed on the Dean's List.
- Emily Colosimo of Wilmington was placed on the

President's List.

- Amie Serino of Wilmington was placed on the Dean's List.
 - Joleen Styles of Wilmington was placed on the Dean's List.
 - Emily Troy of Wilmington was placed on the Dean's List.
 - Jillian Williams of Wilmington was placed on the Dean's List.
- To be selected for the Dean's List, a student must earn a Quality Point Average (Q.P.A.) of 3.25 or higher. To be selected for the President's list, a student must have been named to the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters.

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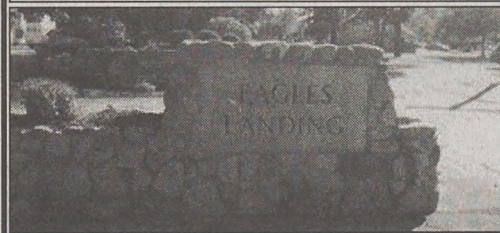
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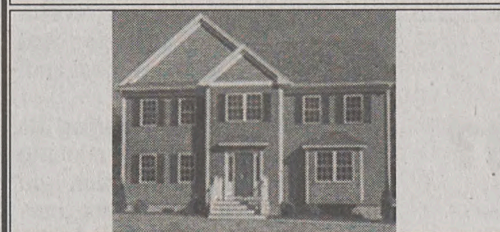
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Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center to participate in nationwide Giving Day

WILMINGTON — Feb. 28, 2017 will mark the second annual RaiseUP! Giving Day at Abundant Life Christian School (ALCS) and Learning Center (ALCLC) in Wilmington.

"While funds have been raised for specific projects or equipment here at Abundant Life, we will continue to reach out to alumni, current families and community friends to invest in our established Scholarship Fund."

The Scholarship Fund will provide donors with the opportunity to help families for whom Christian education may be financially out of reach. In a world that is increasingly complex and sometimes overwhelming, families value the partnership they find in the nurturing environment at ALCS. Academic excellence combines with faith-based emphasis in character growth and service to the greater community.

"Our children attend ALCS for the warm, encouraging teachers and staff who teach to the individual student... challenging their strengths and exercising positive reinforcement as students develop socially," current parent, Kristin Dunbar, shared.

Alumni parent, Robert Traer, had this to add, "The academics at ALCS thoroughly

equipped my sons to continue excelling at each of their respective private high schools. I highly recommend ALCS from the Learning Center through the Middle School Program."

ALCS & LC Development Director and alumni parent, Christine DiGiovanni, shared that ALCS will partner with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) for the 24-hour, nationwide giving event in February. "Partnering with ACSI gives us access to the online tools needed to execute our RaiseUP! giving campaign," stated DiGiovanni.

Equipping children to thrive today, and in the future, continues to be the vision at Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center. Residents are invited to join to help RaiseUP! scholarship funds on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at www.RaiseUpSchool.org. Follow on Facebook. Your generous support will make a difference!

Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center serves infants through Pre-K and Kindergarten through Middle School students. ALCS & LC is located in Wilmington at 173 Church Street. For more information call 978-657-8710 or visit us at www.ablifeschool.com.

Firearm safety course on March 29 and April 5

NORTH READING — The North Reading Rifle Club, 242 Central St., will host a firearm safety course on Wednesday, March 29 and Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. You must attend both dates.

Certified instructors will explain firearm operation, safe handling, storage, transportation and laws.

Each person will shoot a rifle, revolver and semi-

automatic hand gun.

A certificate required by Massachusetts law, when applying for a Class A license to carry, or firearms identification card, will be issued to everyone completing the course. A license is required to purchase, possess or carry a firearm.

To register or for more information call Richard Morrisette at 978-657-7291.



Crafting at the library

Ben Fecteau helped her son, Will make a bookmark at the Tewksbury Public Library on Saturday morning during craft hour. (Photo by Maureen Brady)

Want your opinion heard?

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Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

Steps to avoid SENIORITIS



Sessa's Corner



By JULIA SESSA

With the year quickly ending, seniors are beginning to look towards the future. Senior students are deciding what they would like to do after high school, and many have already made their decision on a

college that they will be attending in the fall.

Since the pressure has dwelled on the importance of maintaining good grades to be accepted into college, many seniors have found themselves wanting to move on from high school. During this time of the year, many cannot escape the terrible disease that sweeps the nation of all 17- and 18-year olds. A term called senioritis is used frequently to describe the feeling of ones less interest in attending classes, and putting in the effort to succeed.

Many senior students become lethargic and show signs of carelessness, and decreased motivation to learn.

There are many ways one can cope with fighting the urge of becoming lazy. Students must keep the mind-set of the overlooked possibilities. Most college acceptance are contingent. If a student fails to keep their GPA up, or continues to have un-excused absences, colleges retain the right to repeal their acceptance.

Many students often forget that they have worked almost 12 years for their diploma, and it's not worth it to throw it all away in your last six months of secondary schooling.

Another way to avoid the concept of senioritis is to

make a check-list to keep track on how you are doing. Make sure you get enough sleep, and try your best not to get sick.

If seniors feel like they need help in staying afloat during these last months, there are resources all over TMHS. You can ask a teacher to help with your work, or even ask a friend to try and motivate you to stay on top of things.

Most colleges require an updated transcript to review and to make sure you are the same student they accepted into their college in the late fall.

Although feeling the pains of senioritis may feel firing, with the right tools and setting goals, students can easily overcome this and finish their senior year strong.

Tewksbury, Wilmington receive \$7,336 each in grant money to promote fire safety

TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON — Both the Wilmington and Tewksbury Fire Department will be back in their communities this year educating youth and seniors, thanks in part to funding released by the state through the Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior SAFE program grants.

The program, entering its 23rd year, aims to educate youth in fire prevention and handling, and escaping burning or compromised buildings to both youth and senior citizens.

Since its inception, child fire deaths have been reduced by 70 percent, with a further decline anticipated. Each trained firefighter works with a teacher in a classroom, and the curricu-

lum is catered based on the children's age and grade. The SAFE program is funded via the state budget, while the Senior SAFE program is funded by fire compliance fees from various tobacco companies.

"I am proud of our fire departments in Tewksbury and Wilmington," said Representative Miceli. "They are absolutely some of the best men and women that we could have serving us. However, the best defense against fires and other accidents is education. Both Chief Richard McClellan of Wilmington and Chief Michael Hazel of Tewksbury, as well as their staff, realize this principle, and I hope they put this money to the best use possible continuing their successful programs."

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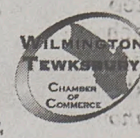
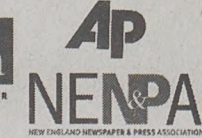
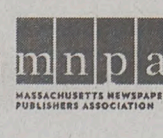
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Blood donations

Taylor Martel donated blood to Boston Children's Hospital in the blood mobile parked at MVP last Thursday evening. The blood mobile was in town accepting donations for children such as Tewksbury resident Brigitte Kaiser who will soon undergo open heart surgery.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)



10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Woburn Patriots poster sales and signings this Saturday

WOBURN — A poster signing for the 2017 New England Patriots Super Bowl poster will take place this Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Daily Times Chronicle building at 1 Arrow Drive in Woburn from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is the eighth in the modern championship series by local Artist David Olsen. The other posters have gone on to sell thousands of copies, making them a collector's item.

Olsen has been drawing caricatures of many championship teams for over 35 years and his work has become recognized as some of the best in the industry.

For a number of years he was the artist for the Boston Celtics.

The poster is 22 inches high by 13 inches across and matches up perfectly to several of the previous championship posters.

Many have commented that the latest poster is the finest in the series and

will some day also become a collector's item.

The posters cost \$10 each or three posters for \$25 and artist Olsen will be on hand this Saturday to personalize them from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Woburn.

Several of the Daily Times Chronicle souvenir posters will be available for purchase including the 2004 Red Sox World Series poster which was a sell out and has been reprinted.

Also available will be the 2013 Red Sox World Series poster, 2008 Boston Celtics World Championship poster, the 2011 Boston Bruins Stanley Cup Champion poster and the 2015 Patriots Super Bowl Championship poster.

The posters are also available 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Daily Times Chronicle headquarters at 1 Arrow Drive in Woburn and the Daily Times Chronicle office at 531 Main St. in Reading.

Three make President's List at Western NE University

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates 390 students named to the Fall 2016-2017 President's List.

The following students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

- Corey M. Stillings of Wilmington majoring in Accounting and Finance.
- Casey P. Murray of Wilmington majoring in Sociology — Crime & Society.
- Eve Carciofi of Tewksbury has been named to the President's List at Western New England University for

the Fall semester. Carciofi is working toward a degree in Pre-Pharmacy.

Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution founded in 1919. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts,

Western New England serves 3,830 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students.

Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy, and the School of Law.

Seven students make Dean's List at Western NE

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates 729 students named to the Fall 2016-2017 Dean's List. The following students are named to Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

- Ryan Carroccino of Wilmington majoring in Civil Engineering.

- Jonathan Thai of Wilmington majoring in Chemistry.
- Briana Andella of Tewksbury majoring in General Business.
- Kevin Chiara of Tewksbury majoring in Accounting.
- Steven Hamel of Tewksbury majoring in Sport Management.

- Abigayle Villalpando of Tewksbury majoring in Pre-Pharmacy.

- Brian Whinery of Tewksbury majoring in Mechanical Engineering with Mechatronics Concentration.

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Happy 100th, Mona Jeane!



Mona Jeane Somerville celebrated her 100th birthday with her friends during Tuesday morning's AIM Group held at the Wilmington K of C. Evelyn Olivari had the honor of carrying out the cake.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)

Ken Gordon office hours

BURLINGTON — Representative Ken Gordon (D-Bedford) will host the latest of his monthly office hours on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 to 10 a.m., at the True North Coffee on 204 Cambridge St. in Burlington.

Rep. Gordon will be available to answer questions and to listen to concerns and ideas from constituents of the district.

Rep. Gordon can be reached at his State House office number, (617) 722-2013, and at Kenneth.Gordon@mahouse.gov.

WILMINGTON TEWKSBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

10th ANNUAL Comedy Night

FRIDAY March 3, 2017

Doors Open at 6:30 pm Comics On Stage at 8:00 pm

at The Shriners Auditorium Fez Room
99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington

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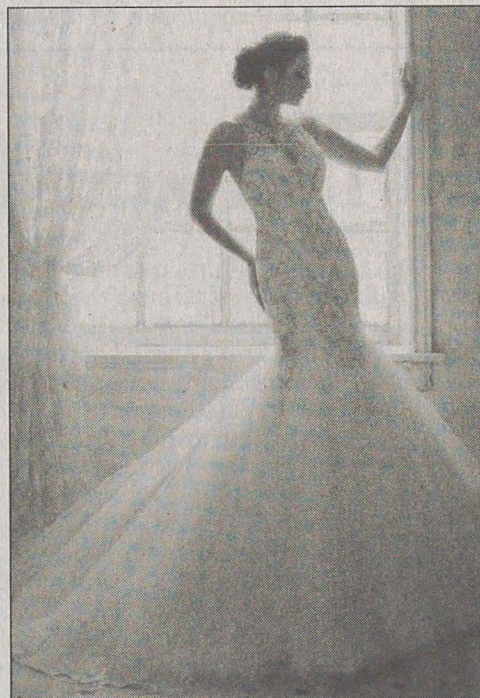
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Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

Multi-Chamber Networking/Social Media Presentation

Date: Thursday, February 9
Time: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Place: Crowne Plaza, 15 Middlesex Canal Park, Woburn

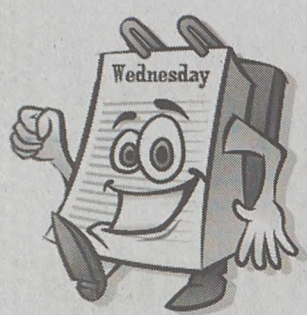
10th Annual Chamber Comedy Night

Date: Friday, March 3
Time: Doors open 6:30 pm, Comic 8:00 pm
Place: Aleppo Shriners Fez Room, 99 Fordham Rd., Wilm.

56th Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 21
Time: 8:30 am - 10:00 am
Place: Windsor Place, 99 West St., Wilm

Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.



Community Calendar

send your item to:

Calendar@YourTownCrier.com

Wilmington Calendar:

WHS Drama Club presents Legally Blonde

Boy Scout Troop 126
Thursdays from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Villanova Hall

Wilmington's Troop 126 is looking for new members. Boys in grades 6 are eligible to join Scouting. Boy Scouts learn important skills like swimming, personal fitness, and leadership. Go to Villanova Hall during a weekly Thursday meeting from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. to discuss joining Scouts.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge

Third Sunday of each month
Fourth of July Building
Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several

leadership positions available each year. Dues are \$10 per person for the year.

Valentine Family Movie & Craft Night at Abundant Life Church.

Friday, February 10 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Abundant Life Church, 173 Church Street

What does it take to be a good friend? Come find out, with Veggie Tales! Sheerluck Holmes and the Golden Ruler. Make a craft and enjoy refreshments. The suggested donation is items for the Wilmington Food Pantry. For more information, call 978-658-8584 or visit ablifetchurch.org.

Humans and Us Show

Friday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m.
Bungalow Bar & Grill, 333 Valley Street in Manchester, New Hampshire
Humans and Us, a local rock band and winner of the

Wilmington High School Battle of the Bands, will be playing at Powder Keg's Record Release Show. The show features guests including not only Humans and Us but also Red Ledger, Write Your Story, High Risk Maneuvers, and Almost Got Caught.

Wilmington High School Talent Show

Wilmington High School Auditorium
The annual talent show hosted by the Science Club will be held March 3. Auditions for the talent show will be Tuesday, January 31 and Wednesday, February 1. Hosting this year will be Trevor Breen and Jeremy Tingdahl. Come and support the Science Club.

WHS Drama Club Presents Legally Blonde
Wilmington High School Auditorium
The Wilmington High

School Drama Club is suiting up for Legally Blonde. The musical will run three times, once on Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. and twice on Saturday, May 13, once at noon and again at 7:00 p.m. Come and support the arts by watching this local production of the famous musical.

Sons of Italy Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 25 from 6:30 p.m. to Midnight
Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks
Wilmington Sons of Italy will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with a gala Dinner Dance on March 25 at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks. \$50 per person includes hot/cold hors d'oeuvres, a five-course dinner, including wine, and entertainment by vocalist Lori and Bill McLaughlin. For tickets, contact Michele at 978-604-6437.

Tewksbury Calendar:

Two Valentine's Day dances

Friends of the Elderly Valentine's Dance

Friday, February 10 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Senior Center
The Friends of the Elderly will hold a Valentine's Dance at the Tewksbury Senior Center on Friday, February 10. Couples and Singles are welcome to come to dance and enjoy the sounds of the Perfect Match Band. Tickets are available at the door at \$10 per person. Refreshments are served mid evening. At this event the Friends honors those Tewksbury couples who have reached their fiftieth or 50+ Wedding Anniversary and who have never been a guest in the past. If you are such a couple or know of such a couple please

contact Linda Brabant at 978-851-4243 or e-mail her at lindab29@verizon.net by this Friday, February 3. The Friends would love to have you as their guests!

SilverTones Valentine Dance

Friday, February 17, from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street
The Tewksbury's very own Big Band, the SilverTones, who are in their 16th year of performances since their creation by the late Tom MacPherson, will perform for your dancing or listening pleasure at the beautiful Senior Center facility. The Big Swing Band is comprised of 5 trumpets, 3 trombones, 6

woodwinds, a guitar, a stand-up bass, drums, and a keyboard, directed by MaryBeth Foley and featuring vocalist BB Braxten. They perform at the Center, with its large dance floor, on the third Friday of each month for \$10 per person, which includes cake, tea and coffee, and a chance to win a free ticket for 2 at any future performance or dance. All are encouraged to bring along their favorite munchies and beverages, though a machine also dispenses \$1 canned soda. Couples and singles are welcome to socialize and dance while enjoying many old, familiar tunes from the Big Band Era, along with some jazz and Motown numbers, plus a few polkas and

line dances. Come meet new and old friends to celebrate a belated Valentine's Day.

Tewksbury Lions Club Scholarship

Applications due March 24
Applicants must be graduating seniors residing in the Town of Tewksbury, provide a copy of their latest transcripts submitted with this application, and print clearly with pen or attach to this form the information requested. This year there will be five \$1500 awards available. Applications should be sent to the following address:
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Attn: President Sherry Hubbard
P.O. Box 314
Tewksbury MA 01876

Tewksbury Library News:

American History 101 on Saturday, Feb. 11

Event Registration

Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.tewksburypl.org or by calling 978-640-4490. We strongly recommend registration for programs that are marked *RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for generously sponsoring our programs.

Adult Events

Author Visit: American History 101 with Robert MacDougall (*RR)

Saturday, February 11, 2pm
Author Robert MacDougall will discuss his new book, American History: It's More Than The Crap You Learned In High School. Learn how knowing the basics of U.S. history will help you lead a more productive and satisfying life. MacDougall was a history teacher at Tewksbury Memorial High School for 33 years (1971-2004), including Humanities Department Head (1994-2004). Following the presentation, there will be a Q&A and book selling & signing for those interested.

Monday Morning Music: Keyboard Concert with Janusz Kowalski (*RR)

Monday, February 13, 10:30am
Enjoy a 60-minute concert with professional keyboard player Janusz Kowalski. You'll hear the songs of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, and Rodgers & Hammerstein, plus some familiar love songs just in

time for Valentine's Day. Coffee and munchkins will be served.

Tewksbury Job Seekers Network: How To Reignite Your Job Search (*RR)

Monday, February 13, 2pm
How's your job search going? Did you start the New Year with good intentions but you're finding that challenges or obstacles are getting in the way? Join us for an interactive session for tips on overcoming roadblocks, maintaining your mindset so that you attract opportunities, and turning that red light to a green light. Led by Clare Harlow, a career and life coach.

Tech Tuesdays: How To Download Free Music With Freegal (*RR)

Tuesday, February 14, 2pm
Become a library power user! Learn how to download free music via Freegal, a free online service offered to Tewksbury residents through the Tewksbury Public Library. Demonstrations, videos, handouts and Q&A will be included. Please note this is NOT a hands-on session, but participants will leave ready to set up an account and start using Freegal on their own.

What Is Islam? (*RR)

Wednesday, February 15, 7pm
Imam Basheer Bilaal, Religious Director of the Islamic Society of Greater Lowell, will give a broad overview of Islam and Is-

lamic culture. It can be difficult to sort through the huge amounts of information and misinformation about the Islamic faith and Islamic culture in the media. It is important to have accurate information in order to contribute to a civil and respectful discussion relating to diversity and religious freedom.

Tewksbury News Discussion Group (*RR)

Thursday, February 16, 12:30pm
Do you enjoy talking about town topics? Want to learn more about what's going on in Tewksbury? Attend these weekly meetings to review the week's local news & receive a free paper. Reporters will occasionally join us.

What On Earth Is A Green Burial? with Candace Currie (*RR)

Thursday, February 16, 7pm
Join Candace Currie to examine green burials and their growing popularity. Green burials can provide a meaningful, economical, and aesthetic means for honoring the dead and providing families and friends with a new (yet traditional) framework for funeral customs and practices. Currie is the director of planning and cemetery development at Mount Auburn Cemetery and Director of the Green Burial Council, which is an environmental certification organization which sets the

standards for green burials in North America.

Dinner & A Movie: Loving (*RR)

Friday, February 17, 7pm
Enjoy a screening of one of Hollywood's newest DVD releases - Loving, a critically acclaimed romantic drama starring Ruth Negga, Joel Edgerton, and Will Dalton. The story of Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple, whose challenge of their anti-miscegenation arrest for their marriage in Virginia led to a legal battle that would end at the Supreme Court. Rated PG-13. 123 minutes. 89% positive critics rating. Doors open at 6:30pm. Pizza will be served from 6:30pm to 7pm. A \$2 donation is suggested. Film will begin at 7pm. Don't like to drive at night? Busy on Friday nights? The film will also be screened earlier in the day, minus the pizza, at 10:30am.

Adult Crafternoon

Saturday, February 18, 1:30pm
Calling all knitters, crocheters, needle workers, beaders, and colorers! Bring your own craft project to the Library and work on it while enjoying conversation with other crafters. (Please, no crafts involving glue or paint.) Take advantage of the many books available at the library to get ideas for your next project or to explore a new craft.

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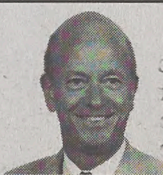
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BRIDGE

Phillip Alder

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Vision required for mirror distribution

Jean Cocteau, a French novelist, playwright, artist and filmmaker who died in 1963, said, "Mirrors would do well to reflect a little more before sending back images."

That is subtly clever. At the bridge table, hands with mirror distribution have the same number of cards in each of the four suits. For declarer, they are usually bad news because there is no way to take a discard or score a ruff until the mirror is broken.

In today's deal, South had to overcome not only mirror distribution but also a bad trump break. How did he make four spades after West led the heart king?

West almost led his singleton, but rightly decided that since he probably had a natural trump trick, he did not need to work for a ruff.

When the dummy came down, declarer noticed that the mirror distribution seemed to leave him with four unavoidable losers: one heart, one diamond and two clubs. Then matters got worse. After winning the first trick with dummy's heart ace, South

		North		02-07-17			
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		♥ A 6					
		♦ A 3 2					
		♣ J 7 4					
West				East			
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		South					
		♠ A K 7 6 2					
		♥ J 4					
		♦ K 8 5					
		♣ A 6 3					
		Dealer: West					
		Vulnerable: East-West					
South		West		North		East	
3♣		Pass		4♠		Pass	
		All Pass					
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Opening lead: ♥ K

led the spade jack (tempting East to cover if he had all three missing trumps) and was unpleasantly surprised to see East throw a club (playing black on black).

Now declarer had only one chance: To find West with 3-7-2-1 distribution. South drew two rounds of trumps, took his minor-suit winners, then led the heart jack. West won, cashed the spade queen and, perforce, played a heart. Declarer discarded a diamond from dummy and a club from hand. Then, on the next heart, he ruffed on the board and pitched his last club. He crossruffed the last three tricks and lost only two hearts and one spade. Well envisioned.

Tiny Tykes Story Time

Monday, February 13, 10:15am and 11am
Join Miss Heather for some early literacy fun, including stories, songs, fingerplays, lap bounces and more! For babies ages 0 months through 18 months. Space is limited. The 11am session is a repeat of the earlier session.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesday, February 14, 11am
Join Miss Noelle for stories, songs, dancing, instruments and more in this early literacy session. For ages 3 to 6. Older or younger siblings are always welcome.

Wacky Words Writer's Workshop (*RR)

Wednesday, February 15, 3:30pm
Join Miss Noelle and Miss Heather in our new writer's club. Held once per month, this club will explore words,

play games, and do fun creative writing activities. For children in grades 3 to 5, ages 8 to 11. This program is limited to 10 participants. Registration is required.

Wiggle Time

Thursday, February 16, 10:15am and 11am
Join Miss Noelle for some early literacy fun, including stories, movement, songs, fingerplays, instruments, and more! For toddlers ages 18 months through 35 months. Space is limited. The 11am session is a repeat of the earlier session.

Drop-In Toddler Craft

Friday, February 17, 10:30am-11:30am
Come make a fun craft with us today! Drop in any time during the hour to create a craft project. Please, one craft per child. For 2 year olds (ages 18 months and up).

OBITUARIES

David R. DiCicco

Former attorney who started his own firm

Attorney David R. DiCicco, age 62, of Wilmington, formerly of Brockton, died peacefully with his loving family at his side on Jan. 31, 2017, following a courageous battle with cancer.

David was born in Brockton, MA on July 1, 1954; he was the cherished son of the late Valentino and Lola (Castelluzzi) DiCicco. David was raised and educated in Brockton; he graduated in the top of his class from Brockton High School in 1972.

Following high school, David went on to further his education at the University of New Hampshire, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Pre-Veterinarian Medicine and where he met the love of his life Carol Jaques. David returned to the Boston area and attended Suffolk University Law School, earning his Juris Doctor in Law in 1982.

David worked as an attorney for the Home Insurance Company before forming his own partnership which lasted for 20 years. Two years ago, David opened his own firm, A Martindale-Hubbell AV rated attorney, he continued to show a strong work ethic throughout his illness

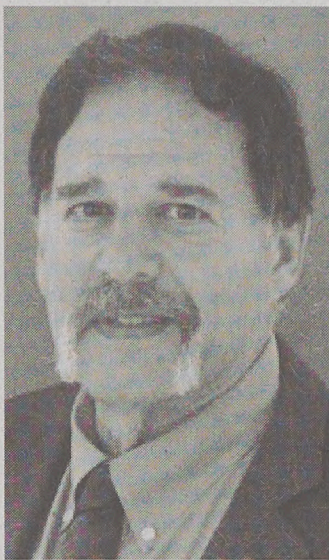
and always catered to his clients. David had an impeccable reputation and received immense satisfaction from helping his clients.

David and Carol moved to Wilmington in 1988 and married in 1991. Together they had two beautiful daughters, Dawn and Kelly; they were the light of his life. David cherished his role as a dad and showered his girls with unconditional love and support.

In his spare time, David enjoyed gardening, cooking, fishing, watching the Patriots and always looked forward to golfing with Dan. He also coached a number of soccer and softball teams in Wilmington.

David will be remembered as a very kind and generous man who loved his family and friends with all his heart. He will be greatly missed.

David was the beloved husband of Carol Jaques of Wilmington; devoted father of Dawn and Kelly DiCicco, both of New York City; dear brother of Paul and Helen DiCicco of Lake City, FL and Anne DiCicco of South Easton, MA; brother-in-law of Diane Jaques of Concord,



MA; and loving uncle of Ryan, Elizabeth, Rose, Michelle, Kristen and Jennifer. David is also survived by many dear friends.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours were held at the Funeral Home on Friday, Feb. 3 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Joseph John Fanciullo, Sr.

Joined US Marine Corps and served in Vietnam

Joseph John Fanciullo Sr., age 67, died Sunday evening, Feb. 5, surrounded by his family after a courageous



battle with cancer.

He was the beloved husband and best friend of Elaine "Kathy" (Cusack) Fanciullo.

Joe was born in the North End of Boston on June 27 1949. His family later moved to Belmont where he attended school and graduated Belmont High School in 1967. Following high school Joe enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served honorably in the Vietnam War. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Marines was always with him.

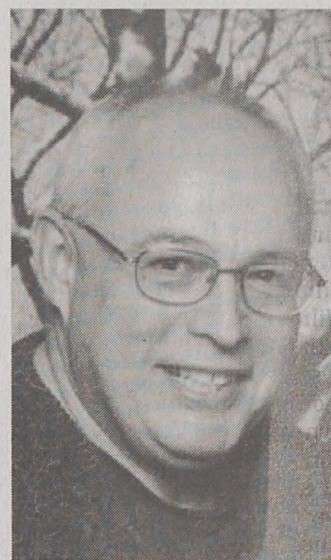
After returning home from the service he worked several jobs before beginning his 30 year career with the United States Postal Service. He retired in 2006 as Post-

master of Lawrence, Massachusetts. After retiring he enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family.

Joe also served proudly in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, Sons of Italy and the Elks.

In addition to his wife of 48 years (Kathy), he is survived by his mother Anna Fanciullo; daughter Diane Marie (Fanciullo) Eatherton and her husband Phil Eatherton of Tewksbury; son Joseph John Fanciullo Jr. of Lowell; four grandchildren, Ryan and Rachel Eatherton, Andrea and Joey Fanciullo; sister Helen Hatch and her husband Ted; many nieces and nephews; and was predeceased by his father Ralph Fanciullo and brother Ralph Daniel Fanciullo.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Joe's memorial visiting hours on



Friday, Feb. 10, from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of 1 Dewey and 975 Main Sts. (Rt. 38) Tewksbury.

Interment will be held on Monday Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel at Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St. Winchendon, MA 01475

Joseph D. Murphy

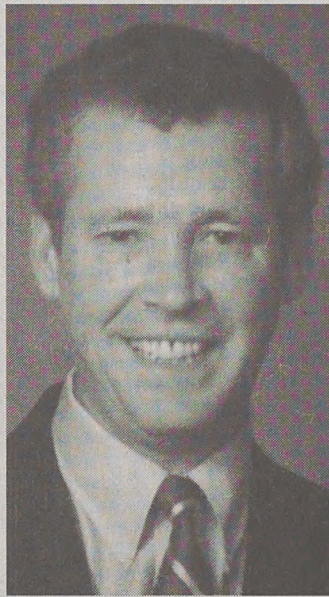
Loving husband and father of four

Joseph D. Murphy, age 80, of Wilmington, passed away on Feb. 2, 2017, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Joe was the beloved husband of Catherine (Barr) Murphy of Wilmington, loving father of Joseph Murphy, Brian Murphy & his wife Christine Losea all of Cumberland, RI, Jeffrey Murphy of Wilmington and the late Lynne Murphy, devoted "Grampy" of Matthew, Caitlin, Jack, Zachary and Annika Murphy, son of the late Joseph and Mary (Barletta) Murphy, brother-in-law of Francis X. Barr & his wife Jean of Oxford, CT.

Joseph is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for a funeral at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment to follow in Wildwood Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 4 - 8 p.m. Memorial donations in Joseph's name can be made to the Winchester Hospital Foundation, 41 Highland Ave., Winchester, MA 01890.



Diana M. Telis, of Wilmington formerly of Reading passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, Feb. 2, 2017. She was 59 years of age.

Diana was the beloved wife of Peter F. Telis and together they shared 29 years of companionship and marriage. Born in Chelsea, Diana was the cherished daughter of Romolo and Jennie (Pietropaolo) Citro.

Diana was raised and educated in Chelsea and was a Chelsea High School graduate. She also attended the Mansfield Beauty Academy studying cosmetology. For many years she owned and operated the Romulus Hair Design of Melrose.

She also worked for many years with DARE Family Services as a home finder helping displaced families. Most recently she was employed as a paraprofessional with the Melrose Public School System and also served as a past Treasurer for their union.

In addition to her beloved husband and parents, Diana is survived by Peter's children; Christopher Telis and his wife Chelsea, and Kimberly (Telis) LaVerde and her children Justin and Paige LaVerde.

She was the devoted sister of Carmine Citro and his wife Kathleen, Guy Citro and his wife Kathy. Sister-in-law of Evelyn and Michael Lucas and is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Funeral services will be held from the McLaughlin - Dello Russo Family Funeral Home, 60 Pleasant St., Woburn, Friday, Feb. 10, at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours Thursday from 3 thru 8 p.m. Services will conclude with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Ever-



ett. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Diana's memory to EMARC, 26 Princess St. Ste 303, Wakefield, MA 01880 or Special Olympics Massachusetts, 512 Forest St., Marlborough, MA 01752. To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorusso.net.

26 make Dean's List at UNH

DURHAM, NH — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2016 semester.

- Michelle Lozowski of Tewksbury earned Honors
- Kaila McEvoy of Tewksbury earned Honors
- Rachel Pruyne of Tewksbury earned Honors
- Nicole Ricciardi of Tewksbury earned Highest Honors
- Michael Slagle of Tewksbury earned High Honors
- Mikayla Ruocchio of Tewksbury earned Honors
- Valerie Wisky of Tewksbury earned Honors
- Katelyn Wentworth of Tewksbury earned Highest Honors
- Brittany Sullivan of Tewksbury earned High Honors
- Dylan Crupi of Tewksbury earned High Honors

- Andrew Lanza of Tewksbury earned High Honors
- Samantha Parker of Tewksbury earned High Honors
- Carina Berglund of Tewksbury earned Highest Honors
- Colleen Brothers of Wilmington earned Highest Honors
- Colin Doherty of Wilmington earned Highest Honors
- Daniel Fothergill of Wilmington earned Honors
- Megan Howland of Wilmington earned High Honors
- Justin MacKinnon of Wilmington earned Honors
- Andrew Murray of Wilmington earned Highest Honors
- Matthew Diorio of Wilmington earned Honors
- Daniella Almeida of Wilmington earned Highest Honors

- Matthew Spurr of Wilmington earned Honors
- Ryan Williams of Wilmington earned High Honors
- Hannah Paoletti of Wilmington earned Honors
- Joseph Hydorn of Wilmington earned High Honors
- Megan Hydorn of Wilmington earned Honors

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point

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Turner named to Dean's List at University of NE

BIDDEFORD, ME — Dylan R. Turner of Wilmington has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine.

He was named to the Dean's List for the 2016 fall semester.

Turner, a senior, is a dual major in Aquaculture and Marine Science.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Using Social Media and Websites for Job Hunting

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Using Social Media and Websites for Job Hunting *RR

Monday, February 13, 10 am

Susu Wong, Principle and Chief Connector of Tomo360 an online marketing firm, will talk about using social media and the web for job hunting and for building a personal brand. In the online job market of today, knowing the ins and outs of social media and keeping your personal brand sharp is a must.

How to Be Single (Movie) *RR

Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day and have a few laughs while watching the offbeat comedy How to Be Single starring

Rebel Wilson and Dakota Johnson. Chocolate refreshments served.

Concert: Harpist Rebecca Swett *RR

Thursday, February 16, 2:30 pm

Enjoy an afternoon of music with harpist, Rebecca Swett. She will play classical to pop including well known pieces ranging from Debussy to Gershwin plus a few love songs in honor of Valentine's Day. A short harp demonstration will also be a part of the program. Rebecca began studying the harp at the age of ten and fell in love with the instrument. Not to be missed!

Novel Ideas: Fiction Book Group *RR

Thursday, February 16, 7 pm

Featured Book: All the Missing Girls by Megan Miranda

Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian, Kim Rowley. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. Book groups are a wonderful way to expand your reading interests and meet others in the community.

Kids & Teen Events

Baby Times

Saturday, February 11, 9:30 am

Babies and their caregivers will enjoy this fun storytime that includes rhymes, songs, books, scarves, shakers, bubbles and more. Infants through 24 months

Dads and Donuts

Saturday, February 11, 10:30 am

Dads and their kids ages two and up are invited to drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and more. Moms, grandparents and other caregivers are welcome, too! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

Exploration Station: Light and Shadow *RR

Monday, February 13, 10 am

Explore light and shadow through hands on activities. Ages 3-5

Maker Monday: Magnets *RR

Monday, February 13, 3:45 pm

Drive a tiny car, watch a ballerina pirouette, and discover the secrets of ferrofluid at this Maker Monday.

Toddler 101 Workshop *RR

Monday, February 13, 7 pm

Early Parenting Partners, "an inter-disciplinary team of knowledgeable professionals dedicated to empowering families" will present this Toddler 101 workshop for parents and caregivers. Typical development and insight into why the toddler stage (10-24 months) can present such variety in behavior, eating and sleeping will be discussed and how you can support your child through this precarious time. Learn about safety-proofing, toilet readiness, etc. There will be time for group discussion with questions and answers. Please note that this program is for parents and caregivers only.

Once Upon a Yoga Mat *RR

Wednesday, February 15, 10 am

Yoga may offer a child many benefits, such as a healthier body, the ability to control stress, increased self-esteem and greater concentration. Combine yoga with the fun and creativity of drama... and you have the magic of Dramatic Yoga! Ages 3-5

Star Mag

Wednesday, February 15, 3:45 pm

Drop in to help create this magazine written by, for and about kids, and published by the library. Bring in finished, original artwork, puzzles, poems, comics, jokes, or create it while you are here. Grades 3-5

Jeannie Mack Winter Songfest *RR

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 pm

Have fun celebrating winter with Jeannie Mack. Come sing and act out songs about making snowmen, twirling around like snowflakes, sledding down hills, and drinking hot chocolate. Clap along, dance, and enjoy hand play and finger play games with Jeannie - all to do with the magic of winter! All ages

Crafternoons *RR

Wednesday, February 16, 3:45 pm

Design super cute and surprisingly simple wire jewelry. Grades 4-8

Bilingual Storytime/ La Hora de Cuentos Bilingue *RR

Friday, February 17, 10 am

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish and a craft. For children 2-5 with an adult.

Acompáñenos para cuentos, canciones, y artesanía en inglés y español. Para niños de 2-5 años con un adulto.

Library News

Binge Boxes

In the mood for a movie marathon? The library has just added "Binge Boxes" which are themed collections of movies, providing hours of entertainment in an easy to carry box. We currently have Binge Boxes for Girls Night In, Family Movie Night, Classic Films, and Book to Film. The Binge Boxes can be checked out for 7 days and are the perfect addition to your staycation, snowy night, or lazy weekend. All you need is the popcorn!

Museum Passes

School Vacation Week
Reserve a museum pass for the upcoming school vacation week. Just go to www.wilmlibrary.org and click on Museum Passes. Keep in mind that during school vacations passes are limited to one per family per week.

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Lifestyle

Cleaning out in the NEW YEAR

By PAIGE IMPINK
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The home organization market is a 10 billion dollar retail category according to industry reports. How in the world did we get to the point where we need to spend money to find more and better ways to keep stuff, and why do we need four colors and six versions of things we already have? How did we get so much stuff?

The Story of Stuff was a 2007 internet documentary which subsequently morphed into a movement, primarily focused on reducing consumerism and raising awareness as to the environmental impacts that all this "stuff" creates, including reduction of catalogs, non-recyclables, and a switch away from plastic bags.

It seems we could all do with less without markedly impacting our daily lives. For most of us, forgoing another handbag, toy, or kitchen gadget would not reduce the quality of our lives in any way. (www.storyofstuff.org)

Usually a good snowstorm or rainstorm which forces me indoors for the day ignites the desire to reduce stuff in my house. If this takes hold for you this winter, many places can benefit from your used but usable items.

Each September, Tewksbury holds a Zero Waste Day, an effort sponsored by the Tewksbury Recycling Committee and the Tewksbury Congregational Church. Items are collected that would be of use to someone in need to make a fresh start in a home or apartment due to circumstances largely beyond their control. Several charitable

organizations are brought together in a one-stop drop off opportunity for bikes, books, clothing, furniture, home items in good repair, and more. (www.tewksburycc.org/zerowasteday)

If you need to get the goods out of your home quickly, there are numerous charities nearby which collect items that can be used by another family, each with its own focus. Project Home Again is located right off Route 495 North at Route 28 on the Lawrence/Andover line and takes items that make a house a home.

Though the non-profit takes household essentials

dishes, towels, sheets and blankets, it will also accept household decorative items, books, and small appliances in good, working condition, but no clothing. The items go straight to families in need via social workers who oversee the process. (www.phama.org)

The Wish Project in Lowell accepts clothing, furniture, and household items, though nothing decorative. Their focus is on the bare essentials of daily living and they seek to furnish starter apartments as well as make sure children have diapers, warm clothing and beds to sleep on.

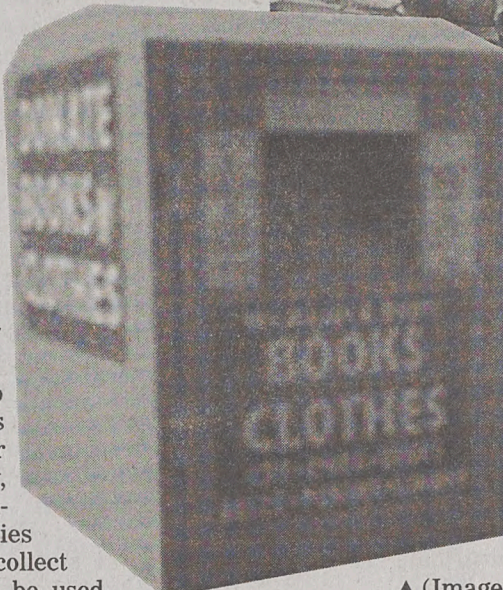
A yearly back to school backpack drive is another program offered. Their facility is located just off the Lowell Connector on Plain Street, two driveways up from Target. Donations are distributed through case workers, and family needs are evaluated so that they can be set up properly and can use The Wish Project as a resource as their needs change. (www.thewishproject.org)

◀ Bob Bennett got a hand from Stephen Lilja of the Epilepsy Foundation when donating a bureau to charity during Tewksbury's "Zero Waste Day" in 2016. (File photo)



▲ Donated clean and cozy blankets, comforters and linens at Project Home Again. Caseworkers help clients shop for their most urgent needs, making sure that the neediest Merrimack Valley families have a way to stay warm this winter.

(Courtesy photo)



▲ (Image courtesy of Recycle That)



▲ Paper Retriever bin (Courtesy photo)

Organizations such as Big Brother Big Sister, Salvation Army and Savers all are options, as well. These are larger organizations which often resell items to generate funding for their programs.

Not to be overlooked are donation bins right in town. Located at the schools, library, Town Hall and other spots, there are Green and Yellow Paper Retriever bins which accept paper and newspaper, catalogs and magazines, as well as cut up cardboard, the proceeds of which go straight to the schools. Purple and Yellow bins from Recycle That are also on the school properties and accept clean clothing and shoes, books, CDs, DVDs and small home items in good working condition. Soiled or ratty clothing can

be donated in a tied bag and will be washed and shredded for industrial rags.

If there are items that just cannot be recycled, residents are encouraged to call Republic Services to pick up their items curbside. Many items are free of charge, such as mattresses, white goods and large furniture items. Electronics have a modest fee associated with their disposal so please manage this responsibly.

Leaving a television in front of your house for two weeks is an eyesore and is not solving the problem. Taking care of the special handling that electronics require is a cost all of us need to bear in order to keep our environment safe from the pollutants involved. (Republic Services 800-442-9006)



H A P P E N I N G S I N E D U C A T I O N

Dedicated student and athlete, Calvo shows she has many talents

By JULIA SESSA

A student that exhibits such talents and success is sure to be admired by all her peers. The hard work and dedication one puts into all aspects of life exemplifies a true persona of greatness.

TMHS senior Sofia Calvo illustrates the demeanor of just that. Daughter of Blanca Palavicini and Alejandro Calvo, Sofia has lived in Tewksbury for about four years. Throughout her senior year of high school, Sofia has enrolled in many classes that challenge her academic abilities. She is enrolled in Honors English, Modern United States History, Chemistry, and Statistics. She is even enrolled in an Advanced Placement class for Psychology.

If her academic classes are not a testament for her willingness to succeed, then her extracurriculars will surely show it. Sofia is a member of the varsity cross country and track teams, she runs year round. She recently just had MVC's, and had a PR of 11:58 minutes for the two mile race.

With such a busy lifestyle, Sofia dedicates most of her time to running and work. "Between work, school, and sports I really can't find time for any real hobbies," stated Calvo. "If I do find some down time I usu-



ally spend it reading or watching historical documents or spending time with some close friends."

Many of Sofia's friends describe her as empowering, hardworking and very open minded. Naidy Elsigid, also a TMHS senior, met Sofia in Spanish class junior year.

"Sofia inspires me because she is a leader and is not afraid to speak her mind," said Elsigid. "She is so empowering and a supportive friend and is always there when I need her."

Sofia's boyfriend for almost three years, Mario Fuchu describes her as his rock.

"She is always taking on so much and it can get really stressful, but she always manages and excels through it all," said Fuchu. "Before I met her I was shy and lazy, but she inspired me to change, and I would not be the person I am today without her in my life."

Some of Sofia's favorites include the movie "The Lion King," The "Hamil-

ton" soundtrack and seafood. After high school Sofia plans on attending college as a History major.

"I haven't decided what exactly I plan to do because I want to do everything," illustrated Calvo. "I'm interested in working in parks and recreation as well as secondary education, and maybe if I'm lucky, write a few history articles."

Sofia has applied to Worcester State University, Bridgewater State University, Simmons College, Suffolk University, and UMass Boston. After college she plans on traveling and volunteering in places like Africa or Latin America.

Sofia would like to thank her close friends and her sister who have always guided her and picked her up when she was down. She also would like to thank her and teachers, Emily Bierman, and Jade Scarpa, for always helping her pursue her goals in and out of the classroom.

"I also owe a lot to my coaches, being a transfer student wasn't so easy transitioning to a new school and team environment," explained Calvo. "They dedicate themselves not only to helping me achieve my goals but make the running program at THMS an incredible experience for everyone involved."

A metal rod helped MacNeil get back into the game

By CASSIA BURNS

Seven years ago, Colleen MacNeil was preparing to undergo corrective surgery for her severe scoliosis. After previous treatment with a back brace proved to be ineffective, it was time to find a more permanent solution.

"I have a metal rod in my back now," she laughs. "But it was the best decision I've ever made."

Erasing the chance of any possible complications, the surgery enabled Colleen to have no limitations in athletics and physical capabilities. Reflecting back on her recovery, she believes she gained a sense of patience through her experiences.

"I don't think I was patient before that," she reflects. "I had to wait a while to get back into things, but since I was so young when it happened, I believe it stuck with me through high school."

In terms of academics, Colleen challenges herself with a variety of rigorous classes. Some include AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government, AP Psychology, Honors Senior English, and Journalism. Her favorite class proved to be Journalism, for it provided an opportunity to research and write about topics of interest.

"I got to write about what I was really passionate



about," she explained. "I don't think many classes give you that opportunity."

Colleen's academic drive and determination led her to being honored by the Rotary Club this past fall with their October Hats Off. An active member of the TMHS community, Colleen participates in a variety of extracurriculars and athletics. A member of the TMHS Book Buddies and National Honor Society, her actions within both organizations enable her to spread positivity throughout the community.

In terms of athletics, Colleen is a member of the softball team during the spring, and she was captain of the volleyball team this past fall. She found that her participation on the volleyball team was her favorite extracurricular.

"The camaraderie between everyone was so strong," she noted. "Everybody cared about each

other so much." Colleen's infectious positive attitude and leadership caused her to be given the Sportsmanship Award by her teammates at the conclusion of the season.

Glimpsing into the future, Colleen plans to attend college. She has applied to Assumption College, Saint Anselm, Framingham State, Roger Williams, and Emmanuel. Although she is not certain what she hopes to major in, ideally it will fall within the humanities.

"I'm hoping once I get there and take a variety of courses, I'll be able to find what I really want to do," she states.

In regards to her success, Colleen credits the support of her friends and family, as well as TMHS Latin Teacher, Paul Early.

"He's not only a good teacher," she reflects. "He taught me how to be a good person as well."

STUDENT PROFILES



Tewksbury Police Log

Tewksbury Police arrest 11 over the past week

Monday, January 30

8:32 a.m. - Police assisted a male party with a grenade from World War II in his vehicle at Police Station. State Police Bomb Squad responded. Police, ambulance and fire department also responded. Officer filed a report.

9:17 a.m. - Female resident called to complain about a vehicle passing a handicap school van on the road while the red flashers were going off at Park Avenue. It had been an ongoing issue. The caller said she will call back after 4 p.m. to have an officer take a report.

9:46 a.m. - An unwanted party in the caller's home reported at Shawsheen Street. All parties were spoken to and the police filed a report.

1:34 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious green van with yellow lettering, parked on North Street and Woodland Drive. She claims there was a male party taking pictures of passing cars. The police reported that the parties are town workers.

2:56 p.m. - A walk in at the Police Headquarters reported his ex opened a cell phone plan in his name and ended with a \$1,000 bill. She then transferred the account into someone else's name and kept the phone. Officer filed a report after they spoke with the party.

Tuesday, January 31

6:29 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Charlotte Harris, 25, of 21 Beacon St. in Methuen, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operation of motor vehicle with suspended license from OUI, and a warrant for OUI drugs second offense.

Wednesday, February 1

12:59 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle for erratic driving at the corner of Main Street and route 495 north. Andrew Collins, 19, of 18 Olde Lantern Road in Acton, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, possession to distribute class D drugs, possession of class E drugs, and false/misuse liquor ID card/license.

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2:17 a.m. - Clerk from Shell Gas Station reported there was an attempted robbery. Brian Whittle, 37, of 62 Stevens St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with armed and masked robbery.

Thursday, February 2

6:11 a.m. - Essex Regional reported motor vehicle accident, a rollover with entrapment at rote 495 between exits 38 and 39. Ambulance, fire truck, and police sent and they transported one party to Saints.

6:27 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Edwin Deltoro, 34, of 23 Ward Place in Hartford, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possession to distribute class D drugs.

1:56 p.m. - A 911 hang up called from Wynn Middle School. Police called Wynn School main office accidentally dialing by a student. Police also responded and confirmed accidental.

Friday, February 3

2:21 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle for erratic operation at Marriott Towne Place Suites. Zachary Byerly, 30, of 501 Antigo Road in Star City Arizona, was arrested and charged with third offense of OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and motor vehicle lights violation.

5:56 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Main Street and Nicholas Street, RO showing suspended license. Ryan Plummer, 30, of 73 Fox Ave. in Dracut, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operation motor vehicle with suspended license, two warrants for abuse prevention order, and operation of motor vehicle with license suspended.

9:44 a.m. - Police sent at Always Plumbing and Heating attempting to serve a warrant. Deanna Bartos, 31, of 2 Woodland Dr. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant of apprehension.

11:22 a.m. - There is a possible scam at the police station headquarters. Police spoke to the party and will file a report.

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11:56 a.m. - An issue with a neighbor was reported at Main Street. Police sent into the station and they spoke to both parties. They will file a report.

2:42 p.m. - Police sent to check out on a report of a shoplifter that is filling up bags in the store at Wal-Mart. Jessica Marion, 38, of 471 Bridge St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

Saturday, February 4

1:42 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic operator, passing cars on the corner of Whipple Street and Pleasant Street. He claims it was a blue RAV 4, and the driver was female. The police sent, but gone on arrival.

2:26 p.m. - A homeowner had an identity theft issue at Marie Street. Police spoke to the victim and will file a report.

2:35 p.m. - The caller was assaulted by a party who stopped at his house at Chandler Street. The police spoke with the victim. The suspect showed up at the station to speak to an officer. Officer filed a report.

2:57 p.m. - A 911 call for a brush fire close to their house at Heath Street. The police and fire department were sent. At this time, the fire is out, all set.

Sunday, February 5

2:13 a.m. - Police served a warrant at Motel 6. Mark Lee, 37, of 601 Poliout Place in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with a warrant of four counts of shoplifting and a warrant for obtain drugs by fraud.

2:41 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 to serve a warrant. Richie Macklin, 49, of 1095 Chandler St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operation of motor vehicle with suspended license.

6:29 am - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Miguel Candelario, 26, of 3 Winthrop Ave. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery and a warrant for fail to attend jury duty.

intersection of Shawsheen Avenue and Aldrich Road involving a Ford Escape and a Hyundai Elantra. No injuries were reported.

3 p.m.: A Kia Rio sustained minor scratches in a minor collision with a Honda Accord and a Toyota Camry at the intersection of Glen Road and Main Street. No injuries were reported.

4:15 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Federal Street and Middlesex Avenue involving a Toyota RAV4 and a Cadillac CTS.

Friday, February 3:

1:08 a.m.: Jeffrey Ferreira, 32, of 1243 Shawsheen St. in Tewksbury was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation, and speeding. He was bailed later in the day.

2:20 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Shawsheen Avenue involving a Chevrolet Colorado and a Ford Explorer.

2:22 p.m.: Police found a man urinating on equipment at the train station on Middlesex Avenue. He was told to wait to be picked up on the platform or in a shelter.

2:35 p.m.: Four vehicles, a Toyota Highlander, a Toyota RAV4, a Mercury Mariner, and a GMC Terrain, were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street. Police called in the Fire Department but cancelled because no one was injured. All involved vehicles were able to pull into 230 Lowell Street.

4:33 p.m.: No one was injured in a motor vehicle collision by Kenney & Spencer on Main Street involving a Ford Fusion and a Chevrolet Cruze.

Saturday, February 4:

7:08 a.m.: The mailboxes for 68 and 78 Lawrence St. were knocked over and damaged overnight.

12:40 p.m.: A Marion Street mailbox was damaged overnight.

2:09 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision involving a Nissan Maxima and a Chevrolet Cruze occurred on Main Street.

Sunday, February 5:

9:27 p.m.: An unwanted party showed up at a home on Shady Lane Drive and made threats to the residents before leaving on a bicycle.



Wilmington Police Log

Melrose resident arrested after argument at RMV

Monday, January 30:

1:08 p.m.: After an argument in front of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Joseph Beech, a 27-year-old Melrose resident, was arrested for disorderly conduct, assault, failure to stop for police, resisting arrest, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

2:22 p.m.: One person was injured in a motor vehicle collision on Concord Street involving a Ford Fiesta and a Toyota Runner. After the crash there was found to be a liquid in the road causing slick road conditions. The Department of Public Works

was notified to put sand down in the area.

Tuesday, January 31:

8:34 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Corolla and a Jeep Wrangler occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue. No one was injured in the collision.

1:51 p.m.: While backing out of a parking spot at Market Basket, a woman backed into a white vehicle. The white vehicle did not stop and no other information could be provided. The woman's vehicle received only scuffs on her bumper.

5:24 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred in the parking lot at Rite Aid on Main Street. The accident involved a Ford Escape and a Chevrolet GMT400, one of which remained in the parking lot awaiting a tow afterwards.

6:53 p.m.: A vehicle struck a mailbox on Chestnut Street. Debris was scattered into the roadway, but the driver, believed by a passerby to be the resident who owned the mailbox, was not injured. The debris was removed from the road and the Department of Public Works was informed that the road was slippery.

Wednesday, February 1:

5:19 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Corolla and a Dodge Ram occurred on Research Drive. No one was injured.

7:45 a.m.: A Ford Escape drove into a fence on Lowell Street. Two High School students were in the car and were late due to the accident. The High School clerk was informed of this. The vehicle was off the road and was not a hazard and no one was injured.

9:46 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Route 125 and

193 northbound Ramp 41. The collision involved a Mercedes-Benz ML350 and a Toyota Corolla. State Police were called in and assisted with traffic when a tow truck arrived for the two cars.

Thursday, February 2:

10:40 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Jeep Wrangler and a Ford F-150 occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and High Street. The Fire Department responded to the incident due to the possibility of injuries.

1:25 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the

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Cost driver for fiscal 2018 is employee compensation and benefits

BUDGET FROM PAGE 1

that the town carries, such as worker's compensation, general liability, property, and auto, are slated to go down a little over \$100,000.

The source of revenue that covers most of the municipal services in Wilmington is the real estate property tax. In fiscal year 2018, 72.81 percent of the revenue (or \$79,297,072) will come from

the property tax. A distant second source of revenue at \$14,067,660 is local aid that is received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The third most prominent source is local receipts, which is estimated to be \$11,149,720.

This year's budget also "continues to use long range goals outlined in previous budgets as a compass for directing future expenditures," said Hull.

Long range goals include investing in the success of students by supporting initiatives and providing resources for a 21st century education; reducing energy consumption by improving the efficiency of the buildings, vehicle fleet, and systems throughout town; improved service delivery through utilization of technology as a tool in the organization; establishing and maintaining

a multi-year capital improvement plan to enable the town to make informed decisions on spending, borrowing, and savings for future capital improvement needs; and developing policies, plans, and tools to enhance the financial planning capabilities, reduce risk, and improve the efficiency of operations.

The Department of Revenue has certified that Wilmington's free cash balance as of July 1, 2016 is at \$18,299,491, which is a 17.6 percent increase from the previous free cash balance.

"As a municipal corporation with over \$190,000,000 in assets, the maintenance of operating and capital reserves is essential to ensure that the business of serving the public continues even during periods of economic downturn when Local Aid and Local Receipts dwindle," said Hull.

Regarding personnel, no additional full or part-time positions are recommended in the fiscal year 2018 budget for the general government. The police and fire chiefs have both expressed concern about their ability to continue to meet the demands for

service due to increases in calls for service and the complexity of those calls.

In an effort to address these problems, the Fire Department will be in a six month long trial program where two firefighters would be scheduled to work 10 hour shifts during the business day Monday through Friday (exact hours TBD). The budget will include \$124,800 toward scheduled overtime.

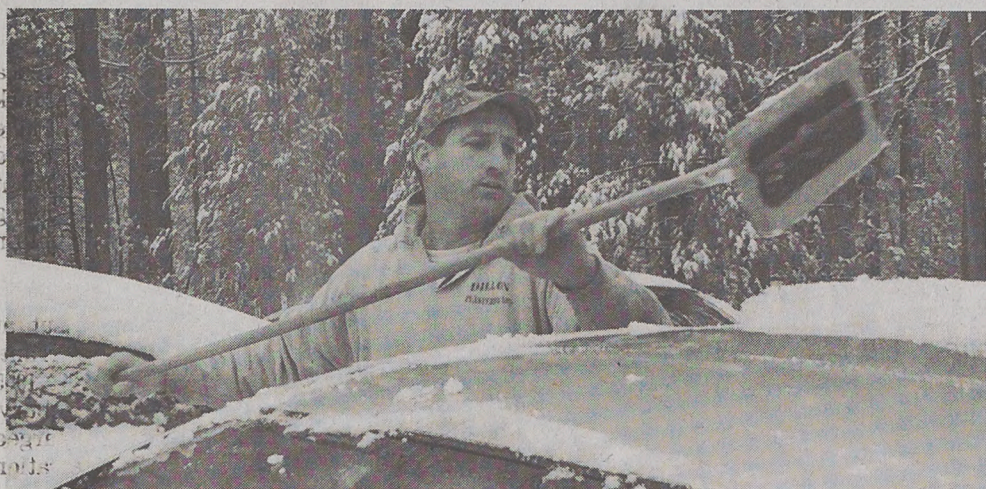
The budget will also include \$50,000 for a new Animal Control vehicle with kennels for transportation of animals, an electric lift gate, and storage compartments on the sides. The vehicle that is currently used is a 2005 Freestyle Van which is not designed specifically for animal control having no compartments to carry deceased animals or live pets being transferred to their owner or an animal hospital.

Near the end of his presentation, Hull remarked, "the town's financial health remains strong. It is well positioned to continue to provide the level of services that make Wilmington a desirable community in which to live and work. This budget

continues to provide the funds necessary to deliver the day to day services to the residential and business community while at the same time ensuring that funds remain available to pay for future improvements to town facilities and meet long term liabilities."

When the presentation concluded, Selectmen Chair Judith O'Connell thanked the Town Manager as well as all of the hard working people who make Wilmington a great place to live.

She also stated, "I think the Town of Wilmington remains to be a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. We as a board, and as a town, have always remained committed to helping all residents, and being a town for all ages, I believe that there's something in the Town of Wilmington for everyone. It's been my home my whole life and I love this place and I know that all of you do, too. I think this budget is reflective of a conservative approach for FY18 and beyond that will poise Wilmington to be the great town that it is and it will be even better into the future."



More to come!

Rich Carroccino cleared the snow off the cars parked outside the Wilmington K of C for an AIM Group meeting on Tuesday. (Photo by Maureen Brady)

New schools and declining birth rate blamed for Shawsheen's lower student populations

TECH FROM PAGE 1

declined by about 4.48 percent," he says. "The trend in the district is that student populations are declining."

Separately, Broadrick says that Wilmington's enrollment is down 4.3 percent, Tewksbury's is down by over four percent, Burlington's is down by two percent, Billerica's is down nine percent, and Bedford enrollment has increased by 2.5 percent.

"If anything, we're retaining more students [at the Tech] than you might expect, because our rate of decline is half that of the other towns. Every year we have more students apply than we can enroll, and we're now able to enroll more of them," Broadrick says.

He reports that this year, Shawsheen Tech left only a few dozen students on the waitlist, which is far better than years past.

"The overall decline in students projects to continue, not only in our district, but statewide overall," he says.

Broadrick says that this decline in public school enrollment numbers is based on the birth rate, not on an increasing number of students going to charter and out-of-district schools.

Broadrick has been monitoring the foundation enrollment numbers for the Tech and the five towns in the district for 10 years, and because of this he's able to make his own projections for the future.

"I anticipate Burlington's student population will be

increasing over the next five years — both Burlington and Billerica stand to increase."

It's not as easy for Broadrick to project for Wilmington and Tewksbury, both of which have a brand new facility that could offset the foundation enrollment numbers.

"New schools can potentially attract families with children to want to move into those communities," he says. "That's something that government officials think about when investing in new schools."

"I project that Wilmington's enrollment has stabilized for only modest decline. But you could exceed that projection. Just because there's a trend in the state doesn't mean that's what will happen," he says.

As for enrollment at the

Tech, Broadrick sees more students coming from Burlington than other towns. This is because of the building of new schools in the district, as Tewksbury and Wilmington's numbers have decreased.

"Tewksbury's enrollment here has declined because of the new school," he says. "Wilmington sent the most students about five years ago."

Broadrick boasts that enrollment numbers are not the only place where the Tech shines above other high schools in the district.

"We have the third highest attendance rate in the district, and our teacher's rate of attendance is almost the same as the students," he says. "That means our stu-

dents and teachers are here every day."

The attendance numbers indicate to Broadrick that the teachers influence their students to attend because of how much they care about their work.

"That level of work effort and commitment becomes a system that feeds itself, so our students watch their teachers show up to do what they love every day, and our students have a chance to discover a passion of their own," he says.

The thing that attracts more and more students to the Tech not just in enrollment but also in attendance, Broadrick says, is the workplace-based learning that is introduced starting in the ninth grade.

"After we grow up and finish school and go off to work, we realize how much we learn on the job," he says. "Our students strive on the method and form of instruction, where they spend more than half of their time in hands-on, project-based learning. They attend because of how much they like the form of instruction."

Broadrick, like the teachers and students at Shawsheen Valley Tech, trusts in the unique and workplace-specific style of instruction and learning to continue to provide enrollment numbers that withstand the falling pattern within the district. He anticipates more students applying and getting into the Tech in the coming years.

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▲ Elizabeth Jane Tellier celebrated her 100th birthday this month.

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Wilmington resident, Tellier, reaches 100

TELLIER FROM PAGE 1

Stephen, had Down's Syndrome.

"He needed quite a bit of care," she explains.

Her career from here consisted of a mix of employment and volunteer work.

At first young Stephen went to St. Coletta's boarding school in Hanover. The Telliers were now living on the Cape in Orleans. It was a tough situation. But then his mother learned that there was a state law that if you have five or more special needs children, the public school had to support them.

She was able to find five children in three different towns, so a class was established for them in Hyannis. There was no funding for transportation so she personally drove them all there every day.

Her tenacity and her devotion to them went even further.

"They don't just need education; they need training," is how she explains it.

She began looking for activities and help for them. In 1968, in an old abandoned Orleans firehouse, she set to work establishing Nauset Workshop.

"I had a friend in Chelmsford who was connected with a workshop there, so I asked her for clues," she explains.

The friend said to find the children, find something for them to do, and then get a board of directors with "people of influence" on it.

"So we did that," says Elizabeth. "We had a lawyer and other well-known prominent people, and it worked."

There were crafts and games and many other things for the children to do together. It grew, became incorporated, and eventually changed to Cape Abilities as it is known now. Cape Abilities non-profit serves over 350 residents throughout Barnstable County.

Elizabeth was a constant advocate for her son and then others throughout the community. She had the love and the background for it.

Unfortunately, circumstances of her early childhood had also prepared her for this role. Her younger sister, Virginia Tellier, had polio.

"I used to pull her around in a wagon or even on a sled," says Elizabeth with that same warm smile.

When asked what she thinks is the key to her longevity, Tellier responds emphatically, "No television; when I was growing up and younger, I was quite active."

While she admits she watches TV now, she also stays busy reading and writing poems. She can recite her work verbatim with no reference to her written words. With the aid of a walker, she is still quite mobile. She lives in Wilmington with her granddaughter, Joy Chisholm and her family.

Elizabeth has 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren "so far." She is a blessing to her family and to the Cape Cod community who is still reaping the benefits of her devotion and talents from 50 years ago.

School Committee to have ultimate decision

SEARCH FROM PAGE 1

Four years ago during the search, a firm called MASC was used to assist with the process. None of the School Committee members at the time had ever been through a superintendent search before, so it was beneficial to have the help of an experienced firm.

This time, however, many of the members had been involved last time and they know more about how the process works and what needs to be done. They chose to move forward without a firm, making the point that if they find that they do need the help they could go to a firm later.

The School Committee also

looked back at what HR had on file as the job description for superintendent from October of 2013. The School Committee put out the questions of whether they want to add specifically in the job description that they are looking for someone with central office experience, someone with teaching experience, and whether or not they should put up a salary range when the job listing is posted, or whether any of those things could steer away potentially good candidates.

Last time there was a superintendent search, there was a selection committee made up of 11 members. There was not a decision made about whether a com-

mittee would be necessary this time around, because they do not know yet how many potential candidates there will be.

Ultimately, however, the decision comes down to the School Committee.

"It's our job to do and there are a lot of opinions out there, and it's great to listen to opinions, but ultimately we have to make the decision that we feel good about," said School Committee member Manny Mulas.

The School Committee is going to add the superintendent search to the agendas of their regular meetings so that the public is informed about what will be going on as much as possible.



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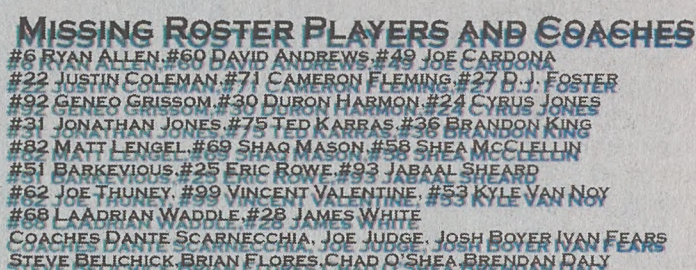
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Celebrating the Patriots Fifth Super Bowl victory

Incredible finish tops previous games

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Just a few days after the New England Patriots defeated the Carolina Panthers, 32-29, to capture the 2004 Super Bowl title, I wrote a column about the game and a big chunk of it was the halftime blunder with Janet Jackson. That column I'll admit was awful and it's haunted me ever since knowing that garbage is out there somewhere.

Two years ago after the Patriots defeated the Seahawks 28-24, I wrote a column saying that I believed that the team's first Super Bowl title over the Rams back in 2002 was the most exciting of the four championships. I was totally wrong at the time. Butler's heroics and that comeback victory certainly super-seeds Vinatieri's game winning field goal. I wish I could have that one back as well.

Now just two days from watching the Patriots win in the most unlikely and improbable comeback of all time, hopefully I won't regret the words I'm about to type.

I don't know if I can say that this was the most exciting Super Bowl game of all

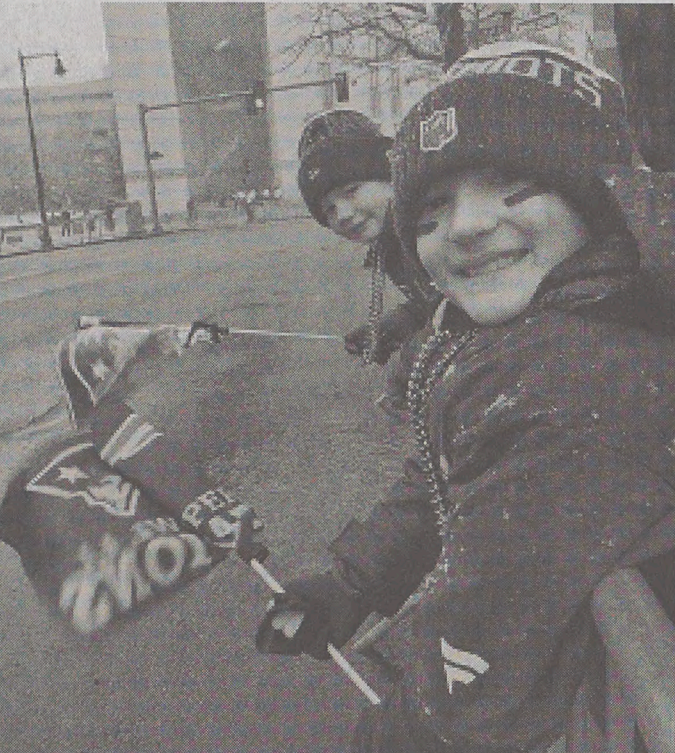
time, since for almost three quarters it was terrible, but it will be hard for future Super Bowl games to top the magnitude of the greatest comeback in the history of the sport.

I'm not going to rehash the game, or go on and on saying how Tom Brady is the greatest quarterback of all time and Bill Belichick is the

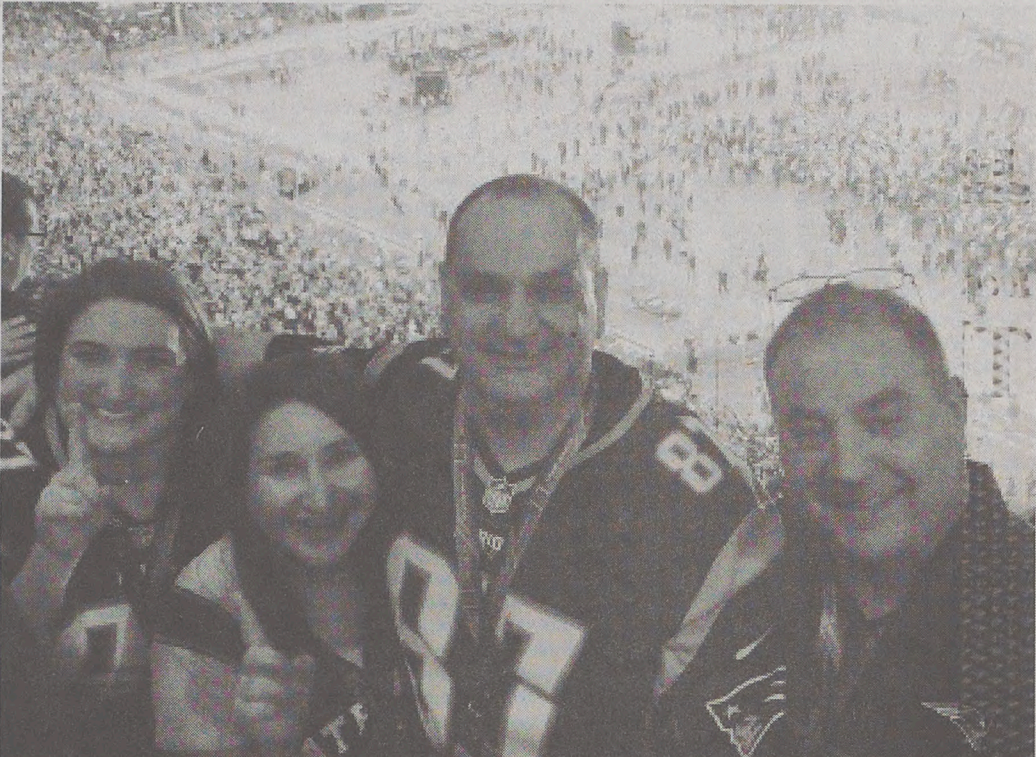
greatest coach of all time. We all know that. Anyone with a brain who watches football can see that.

That being said, as great of a comeback as it was, the first half-plus was atrocious. The Pats played horrendous, the play-calling in my mind was terrible. On the other side, the Falcons were flying

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Axel Erickson and Lincoln Levesque showing their support for the Patriots at the parade.



From left Lauren Nasiff, Kim Nasiff, Mark Nasiff, and Mario Perella enjoy the Patriots incredible come from behind victory from their seats in Houston.



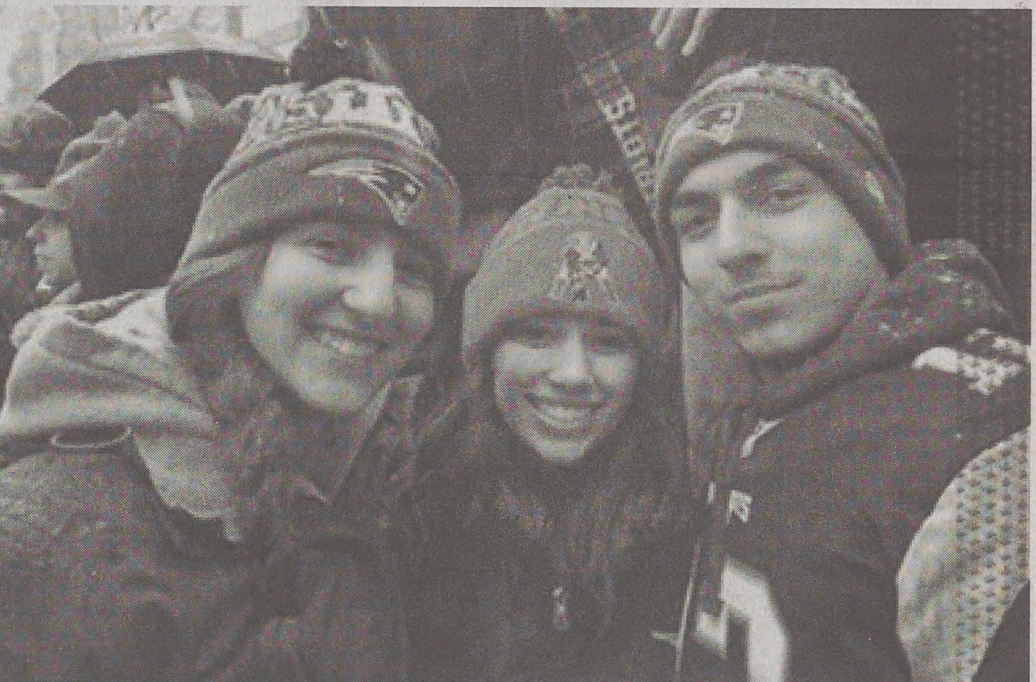
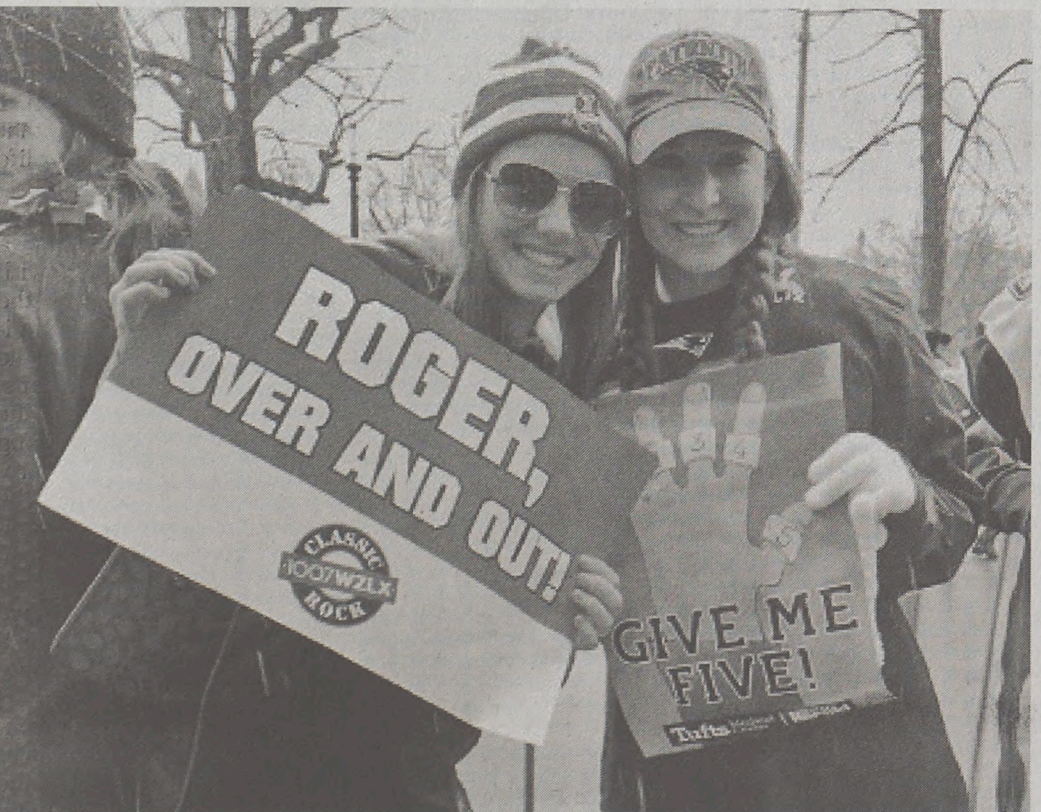
The Morad Brothers, Nicholas and Jonathan both 9 years old and CJ, 6 years old, getting ready to cheer their favorite team on.



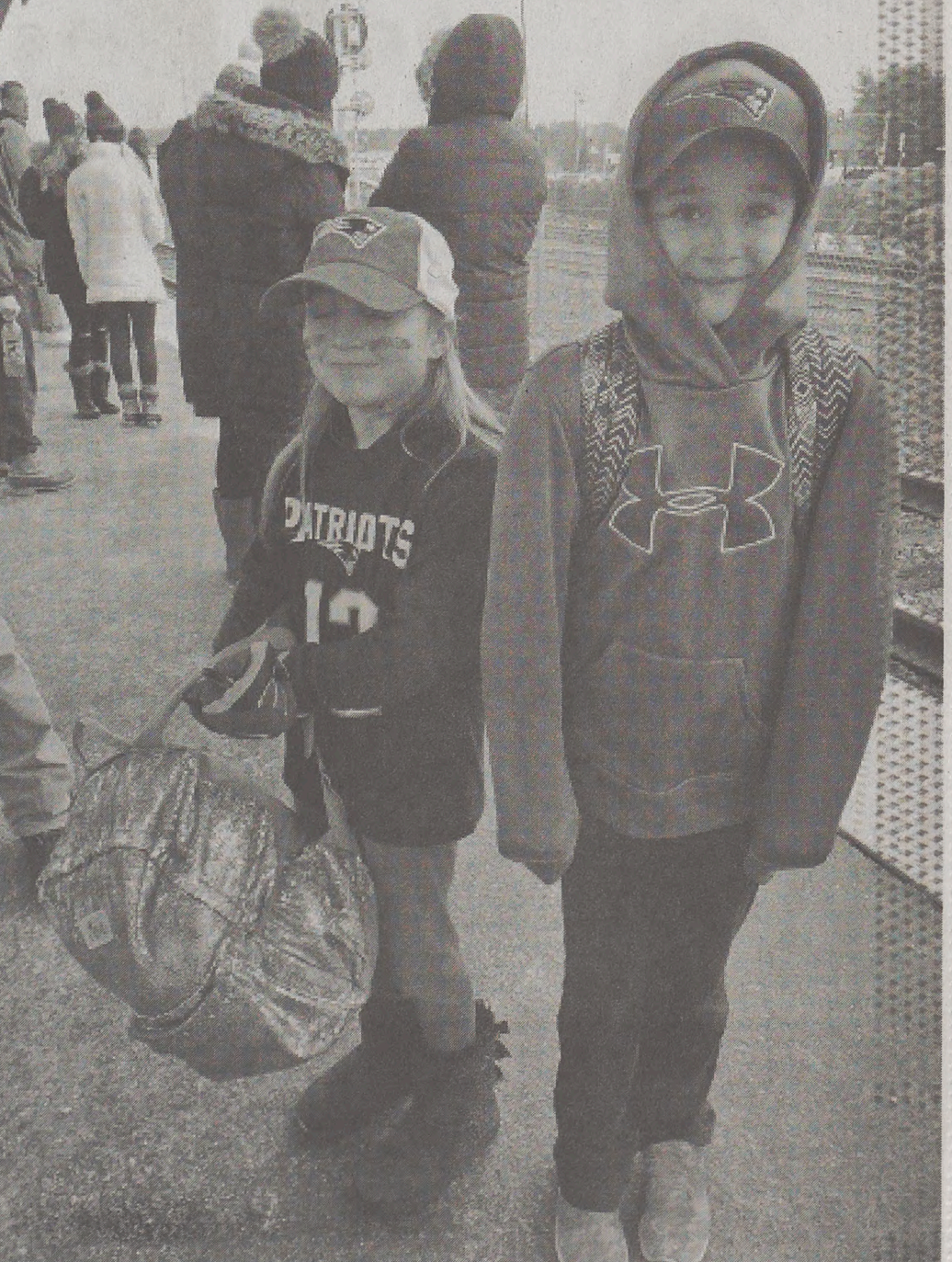
From left, friends Kory McGilvray, Kyle Souza, Jake Luz display their Patriots Banner during Tuesday's Parade held in Boston.



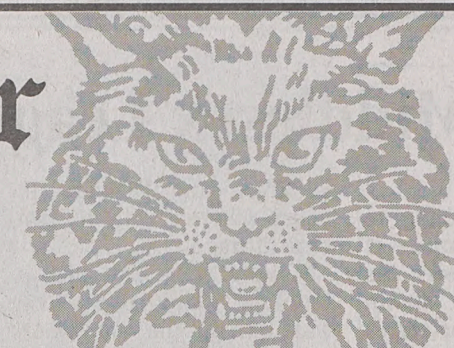
Leanne Willett and Aiden Mann enjoying the Patriots Parade on Tuesday.



From left, Thais Alves, Hailey Collins and Higor Alves enjoy the parade festivities.



To the left, Molly O'Shea and Heather Niemiec celebrating during the parade and above, Alexis Leblanc and Ava Noble await the 9 am train to head into the city.



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Iocco, McCauley and Figueiredo to receive scholarships

Three WHS Soccer players sign on the dotted line

By JAMIE POTE
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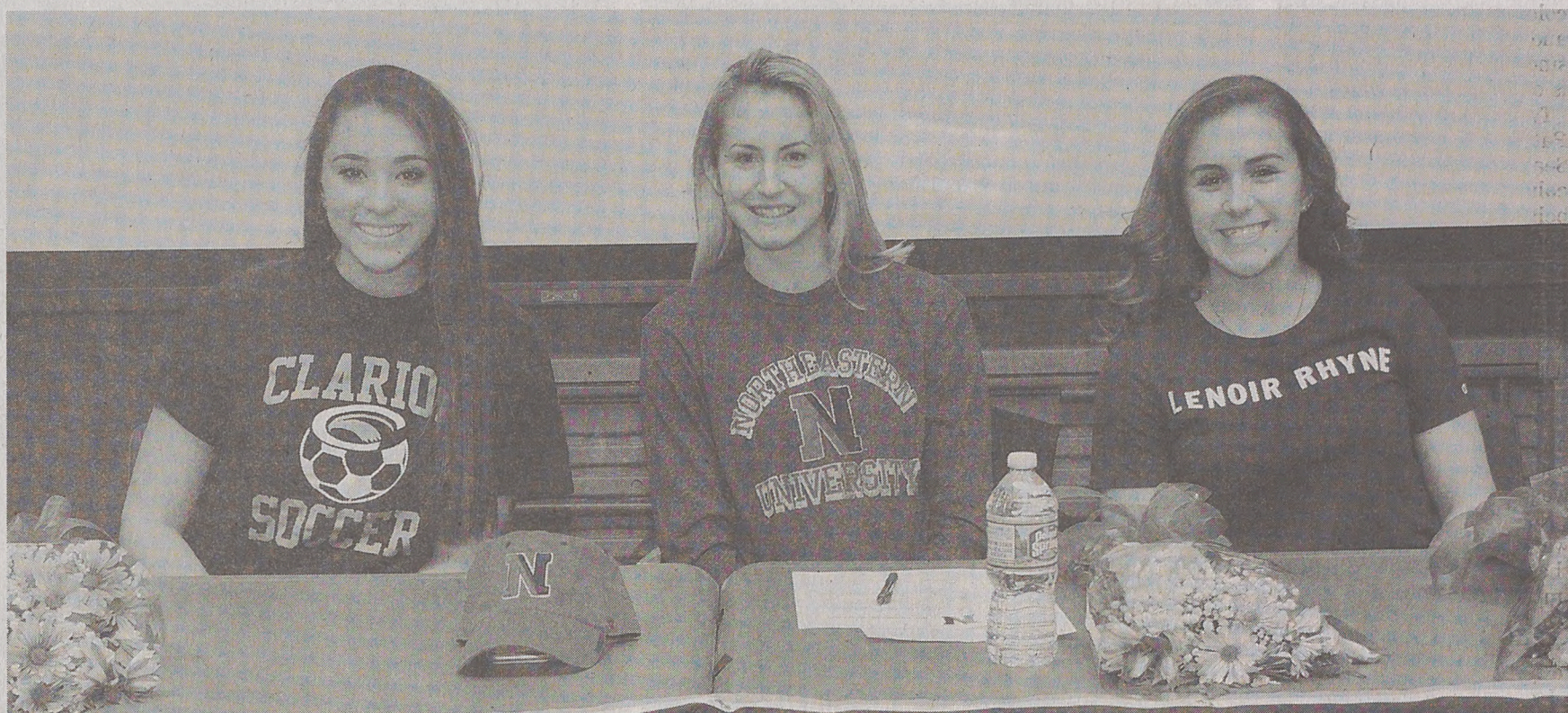
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WILMINGTON - Last Wednesday morning was a very special day at Wilmington High School as three female student-athletes all signed their National Letter of Intent, earning a scholarship to continue to play sports at the collegiate level.

The trio of Kayla McCauley, Stephanie Figueiredo and Julianna Iocco, who were all instrumental in the girls' soccer team's success over the last four years, were surrounded by their teammates, coaches, family and friends, as they signed on to their respective colleges.

McCauley will now play at Division 1 Northeastern University, Figueiredo will now play at Division 2 Lenoir-Rhyne University out of North Carolina, and Iocco will now suit up for Division 2 Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

The soccer program has a number of other members going on to play at other various colleges - including junior Olivia Wingate who has a verbal commitment to play at D1 Notre Dame University for the fall of 2018 - which not only makes this day very special for the three young ladies, but incredibly special for the entire program.

"This past fall, our girls' soccer program had an all time high number of ten girls who were continuing



WELCOME TO WILMINGTON

Last Wednesday morning, the WHS Athletic Department headed up the NLI Day, as from left, Julianna Iocco, Kayla McCauley and Stephanie Figueiredo all signed their official letters to their respective colleges. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

their soccer careers in college," said WHS Girls' Soccer Coach Sue Hendee.

"Next fall, after this year's graduating class, that number could be as high as six-

teen should all of the girls who have shown an interest in playing actually end up doing so. Divisions one, two and three will all be represented by Lady 'Cat alumnae playing in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and possibly beyond.

"Choosing a college is a very personal decision, and there is much to consider when finding the right fit. Academics, school size, location, majors available, cost, and the soccer program itself are all factored in when the girls choose their schools. It is really great to have so many girls who are looking to play beyond high school in so many different ways, and I am very proud of all of my former players who have gone on to have successful careers at the college level."

JULIANNA IOCCO

"I fell in love with the game when I was just six years old," said Iocco, during a prepared statement last Wednesday. "I was in love with everything that happened on the field - the saves, the scoring and everything in-between. Now I don't see soccer as just a sport but much more like an art. And every game I am the artist who gets to paint a

new picture. I am glad to announce that I am going to the school of my dreams that not only has a soccer program that is perfect for me but also has a great academic program.

"I would like to thank all the amazing coaches I have been blessed with along the way such as Coach Leo Figueiredo, Coach Bakhtiari and Coach Miss Hendee. I would also like to thank everyone that came to support me today, my teachers, some of my friends, my stepfather Jack Gerrin, who I love dearly, and my Dad Vincent Iocco.

"Last but not least I would also want to thank the person I admire most in life my mother, (Jacqueline Abreu) because without her this dream of mine would be impossible."

This past season, Clarion University struggled with a 2-14-1 overall record under head coach Sean Esterhuizen. The Golden Eagles were very young and will lose just four seniors.

"Julianna was a standout player at Wilmington High, as well as a leader and student," said Esterhuizen. "Julianna is one of the top high school defenders in the state of Massachusetts and is expected to have an immediate impact at Clarion."

"Last summer Julianna

attended an ID Camp we hosted at Clarion. During this three-day event we were very impressed by her talent and her work ethic and were convinced that Julianna could play an impactful role in our central midfield or defense. She is a leader with an engaging personality, and has all the skill, timing, creativity and physical strength to be a standout in our conference.

"I am convinced that Julianna is going to play a huge role for us over the next four years. Julianna will be receiving a soccer scholarship to attend Clarion, and we are thrilled that she has made a commitment to our program."

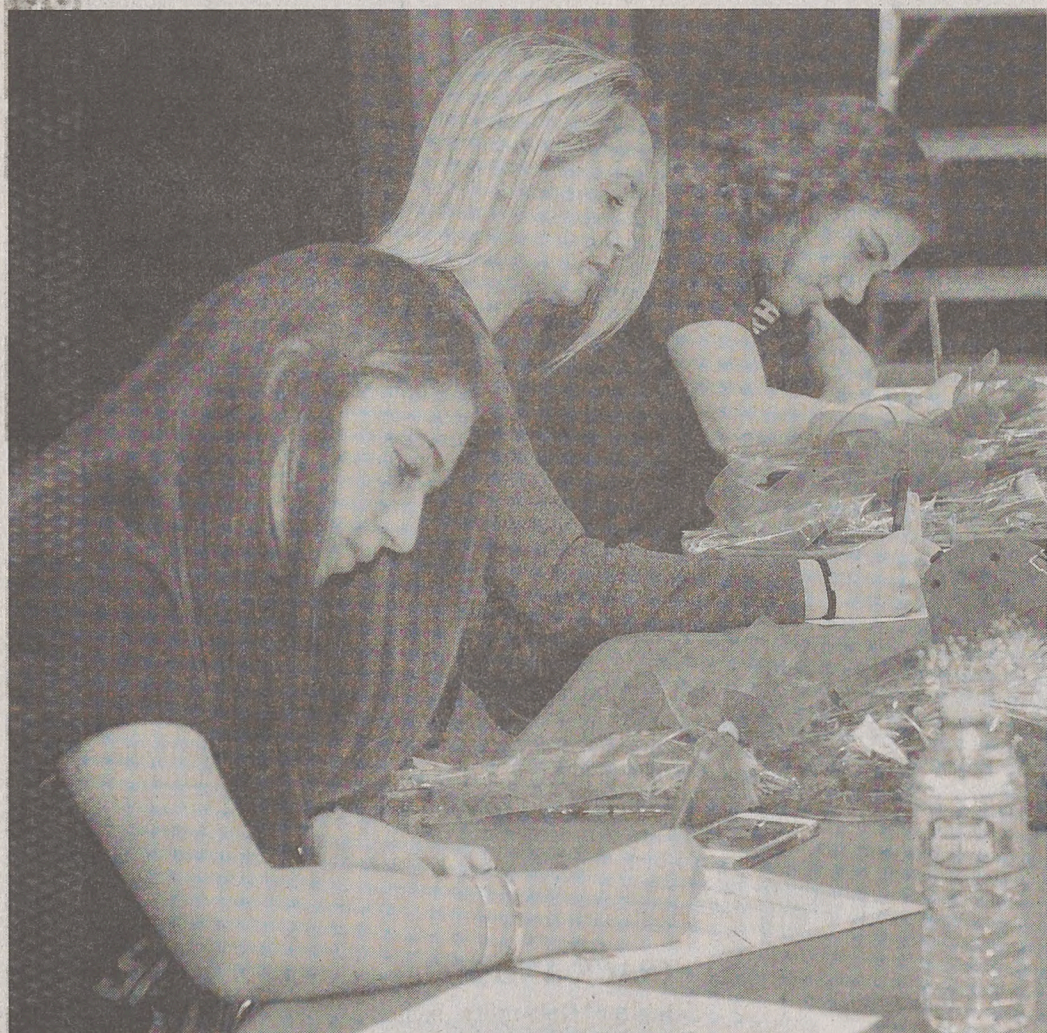
KAYLA MCCAULEY

The Northeastern University Huskies finished 14-7-1 overall and lost to Clemson, 1-0, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Aside from her speech, McCauley was asked about her choice to attend NU.

"I have been attending college showcase tournaments since I was in the eighth grade," she said. "Freshman and Sophomore year I started to attend college camps and clinics to get a feel for different schools, their atmosphere and programs. Northeastern stood out to me for many reasons. First being their academics and cooperative program. I wanted to go to a school that would prepare me for a life after soccer."

"The Northeastern soccer program is consistently a strong soccer program with this past year winning the CAA conference championship, it's third title in the last four seasons. Northeastern, to me, was the best of both worlds; strong academics and soccer program. Also, I wanted to be able to stay close to my family as they have always been there to support me and staying local would give them the opportunity to be a part of my collegiate career."

During her speech, McCauley had a long list of thank-yous and said she would never have become



Above, from left, Iocco, McCauley and Figueiredo officially signed their NLI, and below they are supported by the members of the WHS Girls' Soccer team as well as some family members. (Photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



WHS Boys Track

Many personal bests highlight Middlesex League Championship Meet

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

ROXBURY - Although the Wilmington High School boys indoor track-and-field teams finished next to last place at Monday's Middlesex League Championship Meet, head coaches Mike Kinney was pleased with some of the individual performances.

"I was very pleased with how the kids ran," said Kinney. "At this point in the season, we are looking for personal bests and we got quite a few (on Monday). It was a very promising night and we are looking forward to the state meet and the outdoor season."

The Wilmington Boys finished in tenth place with 10 points. Woburn crushed the rest of the field ending with 111.5 points, followed by Burlington (68), Lexington (67), Wakefield (51.5), Melrose (36.5), Reading (30), Stoneham (25), Arlington (12), Winchester (11.5), Wilmington and Belmont (6).

Wilmington had four individuals and two relay teams place in the top eight which amounted to the team's ten points. Justin Ekstrom was 6th in the 600 at 1:28.25, Ray Russell was 7th in the 1,000 meters at 2:43.05, Peter Marino was also 7th in the long jump (18-10.50) and Dave Bell was 8th in the 55-

meter dash (6.91).

"Bell ran exceptionally in the 55-meter dash, made it to finals and cut down his time by a lot. Justin Ekstrom qualified for states with his personal best time in the 600. Ray Russell improved upon his state qualifying time with a 2:43.05 in the 1,000, and sophomore Peter Marino long jumped a full foot better than he had done previously," explained Kinney.

Finally for scoring came from the 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams. The 4x200 team of Tom Hogan, Frankie Melanson Sean Braz and Bell finished fifth at 1:39.19, and the 4x400 team of Max Duong, Joe Dumolin,

Ekstrom and Russell finished seventh with a combined time of 3:46.71.

Dumolin was also 14th in the long jump (17-3), Braz was 18th in the 300 (39.69) and Hogan was 24th in the 300 (40.51).

Kinney was also pleased with the performances of several others who didn't crack the scoring chart.

"DJ Kenney and Vincent De La Cruz also ran their personal best times of 2:56

and 2:57 respectively (to finish 24th and 25th in the 1,000 meters)," said Kinney. "Also, Joe Dumolin ran his fastest split time in the 4x400 and long jumped 17'3" for a personal record, Sam Vince also cut down his hurdle time by a half a second (at 9.52 to finish 18th) and Jake Luz also ran a personal best in the hurdles (at 10.22 for 27th place)."

Rounding out the performances include: Jason Dunn

(13th in the two-mile), Nick Gorham (13th in the shot put), Ben Packer (17th in the two-mile), Jack Sweeney (22nd in the shot put), Greg Adamek (22nd in the mile), Jesse Valente (23rd in the 600), Kevin Elder (23rd in the mile), James Sheehan (25th in the shot put), Patrick McCarthy (25th in the two-mile) and Jon Sears (31st in the 55-meter hurdles).



Above Justin Ekstrom and to the right, Jason Dunn in action for the WHS Boys Track team during an earlier season meet. (Photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



Emily Irwin nets 36 points to tie Curry College program record

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Former Shawsheen Tech star athlete Emily Irwin scored a career-high 36 points to lead the Curry College women's basketball team to a 58-55 overtime win against host Gordon College on January 31.

The 36 points tied the

Sharks 74-57 loss to Rivier. Silva is averaging 7.9 points and 6.7 rebounds per game on the season for the Sharks.

Wentworth University sophomore guard Siobhan Turner has played in 14 straight games for the Leopards, including a season high 15 minutes back in January 25 against the University of New England.

Turner had three points, two rebounds and five assists in that contest, and most recently she had two points against Western New England on Saturday.

UMass Lowell freshman Connor Bennett played a season high 12 minutes and scored a season high six points in the River Hawks 97-73 win over Fisher College on January 28. Bennett also added three rebounds to his efforts, as UMass Lowell snapped a four game losing streak with the win.

TRACK-AND-FIELD

Bentley University senior Erik Alatalo competed at the John Thomas Terrier Classic at Boston University's Track and Tennis Center back on January 28, running the 5,000 meters and finishing in a time of 15:22.14, ninth fastest in the Northeast-10 Conference this season. Alatalo finished 57th among 89 runners at the meet.

Worcester State freshman Elisabeth Olson earned a 12th place finish in the mile at the Wesleyan Invitational on Saturday afternoon, finishing in a time of 5:47.18. She was also part of the 4 x 800 team that finished sixth in a time of 10:57.13.

In her previous meet, at the Tufts Stampede on January 28, she had finished 18th in the mile in a time of 5:41.47 and third in the 4x800 in a time of 10:58.60.

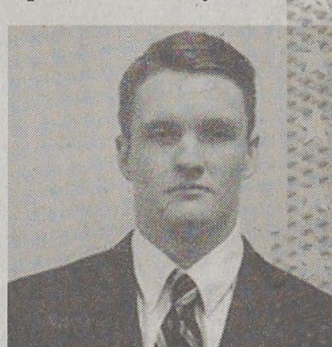
ICE HOCKEY

SUNY Plattsburgh sophomore forward Cam Owens had a big weekend in helping lead the Cardinals to a pair

of one goal victories. On Friday night Owens had a big third period goal to help his team to a 4-3 win over SUNY Cortland, and then on Saturday he had assists on both goals, including the game winner with 52 seconds remaining in a 2-1 win over Oswego State.

Owens now has six goals and eight assists for 14 points on the season, helping the Cardinals to a 13-8-1 record.

UMass Dartmouth sophomore forward Brendan McDonough also had a big week for himself. Last Thursday he scored the first goal of the game in a 5-2 Corsairs win over Worcester State, and he followed that up on Saturday with an



BRENDAN MCDONOUGH

assist in the Corsairs 6-3 loss to Plymouth State.

McDonough now has four goals and six assists for ten points on the season, helping UMass Dartmouth to a 12-8 record.

Saint Lawrence University forward Michelle Alonardo continues to play a key role for the Saints, who are ranked fifth in the country in the latest Division 1 Women's poll. Alonardo has now played in 19 of 28 games for the Saints, who are 23-3-2 on the season.

Stevenson University sophomore forward Maddy Ricci had an assist and a +2 plus/minus rating in the Mustangs 9-2 win over Salem State last Friday. Ricci has now played in 20 games this season and has contributed two goals and nine assists.

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Girls track team hoping to be 'Super' focused next time out

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

ROXBURY - Heading into the Middlesex League Championship Meet on Monday night, Wilmington High School girls' indoor track-and-field coach Brian Schell knew that his team couldn't compete with the likes of Woburn and Lexington. That being said, he was hoping for a solid effort across the board, hoping the athletes would all earn personal bests. That happened, but in small proportions.

The Wildcats finished 10th out of 11 teams scoring just 15 points. Woburn easily won the meet scoring 98.5 points,

followed by Lexington (67.5), Belmont (59.5), Winchester (54), Reading (35), Stoneham (32), Burlington (20), Wakefield (17), Watertown (16), Wilmington and Melrose (13.5).

"With extremely talent teams like Woburn and Lexington, our overall point total was the last thing on our minds," admitted Schell. "This is a good meet to face off against top individuals and push ourselves especially for those competing at states. However, it seemed as if most of us were over fixated on the Super Bowl the night prior and we looked to have lost our focus again. I could see it in a lot of their eyes and the fact

that they all lacked sleep, which is a constant struggle and a major concern for student-athletes and adding this in doesn't help the situation."

Wilmington had three individuals and two relay teams place in the top eight, which accounted for all of their 15 points. Alexcia Luna had the top performance as she was third in the 55-meter dash coming in at 7.61 seconds. Alyssa Bernazano was 6th in the 1,000 meters with a personal best time of 3:11.41 and Victoria Sheehan was 7th in the 55-meter dash with her own personal best time of 7.84 seconds.

The 4x200 relay team of Julia McLaughlin, Taeya

Peroni, Thea Aliberti and Shannon Horgan finished third with a combined time of 1:54.93. And finally the 4x400 relay team of Bernazani, including a 63 second split, Emma Garrity, Sheehan and Luna finished fifth with a 4:24.08 time.

Garrity was also 9th in the 600 (1:45.59), Peroni was 17th in the 600 (1:50.92), Aliberti was 19th in the 300 (47.19), Horgan was 21st in the 300 (47.35) and McLaughlin was 23rd in the 300 with a personal best time of 47.56.

In the field events, Schell was extremely happy with the performances from both Julianna Mastroilli and Sofia Puccio. They finished 12th and 16th at 27-11.50 and

26-11.25, respectively.

"We had a good handful of personal records on the day and two of them came from our shot put girls Julianna and Sofia," said Schell. "(Assistant coach) Michelle

(Angelo) has been a huge help for me and these girls and they clearly have worked hard all season. Having missed Amie Russell due to concussion, Julianna

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To the left, Emma Garrity (far left) and Taeya Peroni battle for the lead during their race and above Anna De La Cruz in the middle of her two mile race, all during a recently held track-and-field meet. (Photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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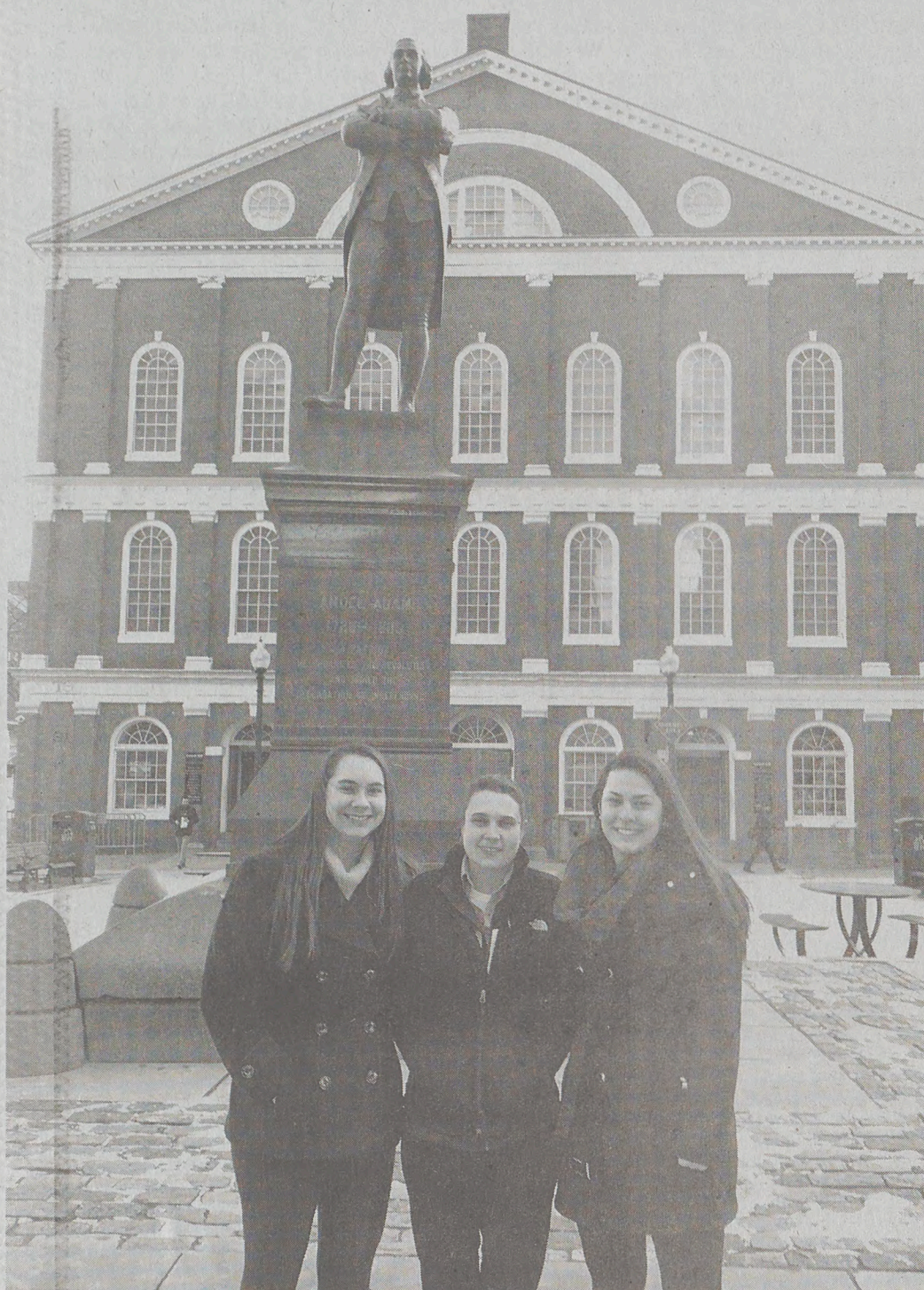
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On Friday, the annual Women in Sports Day was held in Boston and representing WHS were senior athletes Haley DiLorenzo, left and Christina Woods, right, who were accompanied by their girls' basketball coach Brie Karow. (courtesy photo).

Haley DiLorenzo and Christina Woods Best friends honored together in Boston

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BOSTON -- This past Friday, the MIAA held the Massachusetts Celebration of Girls and Women in Sports Day at the Great Hall in Faneuil Hall in Boston.

Best friends and co-captains of the Wilmington High School Girls' Basketball team Christina Woods and Hailey DiLorenzo took part in the festivities along with their head coach Brie Karow.

The event is held yearly to recognize high school female athletes from the state of Massachusetts.

The Guest Speaker delivering the keynote was Olympic Silver Medalist in Single Sculls (Singles Rowing), Genevra Stone.

In addition, there were four recipients of the Massachusetts Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award winners (teachers and coaches) and three high school students who were named the GWS Essay Award winners.

"We sat with about 300 other female student-athletes and listened to some speeches made by female coaches, and Genevra Stone," said DiLorenzo. "Their speeches were about how grateful that they were given the opportunity to participate in sports as young girls."

DiLorenzo is a two-sport athlete at WHS. This past fall she was a member of the state tournament field hockey team and currently she has helped the girls' basketball team reach the 10-win mark and qualify for the tournament.

She has been a member of the field hockey team for two years and the basketball team for three. She attributes her increase in basketball skill in the early years of high school to playing JV as a freshman and getting a lot of playing time.

"It was a big accomplish-

ment to make varsity as a sophomore and every minute I played was earned," she said.

After successful seasons as a sophomore and a junior, she along with Woods, were named this year's captains.

"That's been my goal since I was a freshman and I never thought I would be a captain alongside my best friend, Christina," she said.

Woods, who is a three-sport standout in volleyball, basketball, and tennis, was honored for being chosen to this prestigious event.

"The experience was awesome and it was nice to hear women talk about what it was like to be a female athlete," she said.

When Woods was asked about her athletic accomplishments at WHS she replied, "One of my biggest accomplishments was becoming a captain of the basketball and becoming a Lowell Sun All-Star (last year in basketball)."

Both girls will graduate from WHS in June and they were asked about their future plans.

"I plan to go to college (but) I haven't decided which school I'll be attending in the fall," said DiLorenzo. "But, I want to study Forensic Science. I do not plan to play a sport in college so I'm excited for this last season. I'm hoping that we do well in the tournament and win it (all)."

She added that she is deciding between Roger Williams, Becker College, and the University of New Haven.

While DiLorenzo said she will not be playing basketball in college, Woods plans on continuing her playing days.

"I plan to go to college after high school and I hope to continue to play basketball in college."

Woods said that she is deciding between Worcester State, Roger Williams, and Emmanuel College.

Boys team continues to struggle

Girls Hoop team qualifies for tourney, then drops two games

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WILMINGTON -- Last Wednesday, the Wilmington High School girls' basketball team qualified for the state tournament after missing it the last two years with a convincing 62-39 victory over a solid Tewksbury club.

"Oh yeah, it's pretty awesome (to qualify)," said head coach Brie Karow. "But we have to take it game by game now. We have a few more goals that we want to reach this season and one of them is to get as good of a tournament seed as we can get."

This is the second win for the Wildcats over the Redmen this season after losing both non-league games last year.

"We played a decent first half, OK I guess but we weren't moving the ball offensively," said Karow. "We came out in the second half and really moved the ball. We were patient, our movement was great, and we were moving the ball down low and got some great performances from those girls."

Caroline Andersen led the way with 14 points and senior Christina Woods also ended in double figures with 11. Senior Jill Roche came off the bench and scored eight.

"She came in and was just awesome in the second quarter," said Karow. "She was hitting a bunch of shots and

just played phenomenal."

Haley DiLorenzo added six points and was big under the basket grabbing rebounds.

"She never does one big thing, instead she does so many things for us," said Karow. "She is just a workhorse and she is never in the spotlight. She was great on the boards and she always does a nice job rebounding."

After that win, the Wildcats dropped their next two games bringing the team's record to 10-7 overall. On Friday, Melrose topped the 'Cats 50-40 and on Monday night at home, Wakefield came away with a 58-41 victory.

In the loss to Wakefield (12-3), Wilmington had nine turnovers in the first seven minutes of the game. The Warriors took advantage of that and led 13-10 after the first, before getting hot with their outside shooting in the second quarter to go up by 17 at the break at 34-17.

After a dismal first half, Wilmington played superb in the third quarter, only to take another back seat in the fourth. The 'Cats closed the gap to five points with 2:11 left in the third after freshman Jenna Tavanese drained a three-pointer. After that it was all Wakefield as they closed the third quarter out on an 8-3 run before outscoring Wilmington 10-3 in a sloppy fourth quarter.

Woods and Andersen again ended up in double figures with 13 and 12 points respec-

tively.

Wilmington has three games left before closing out the regular season. On Friday, they will travel to Watertown (10-2) before coming home Tuesday night to face Stoneham (2-13) and then going back on the road against Burlington (3-11) on the 16th.

BOYS HOOP

The Wilmington High School Boys Hoop team dropped two more games this week. First the 'Cats played a strong game in a 65-54 loss to Melrose on Friday night.

"This was a tight one the whole way," said head coach Dennis Ingram. "But turnovers cost us in the second half."

Joe Gaudreau led the attack for with 30 points including eight treys, to go along with six rebounds. Danny Gracia helped out with 15 points.

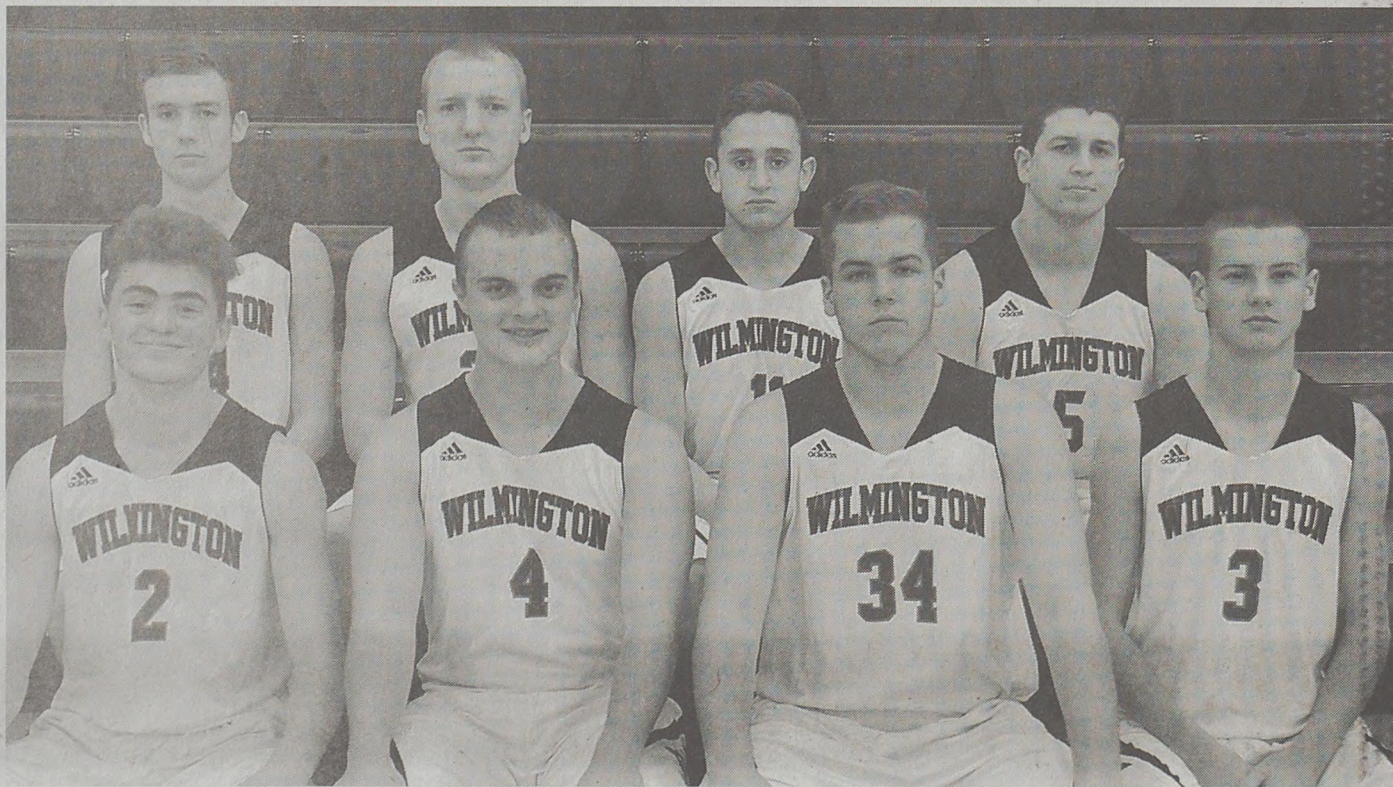
Wilmington got strong play off the bench from William McEvoy, Joe Reberio, and Dan Judkins.

On Tuesday, the 'Cats were defeated by Wakefield, 62-34.

With the two losses, Wilmington is now 3-14 on the season. On Friday, they will host Watertown (13-2) before traveling to Stoneham on Tuesday night (6-10). The season will come to a close a week from Thursday, at home against Burlington (6-9), who are coached by former Tewksbury High coach Phil Connors.



Battling for the ball on the floor during last Wednesday's game between Wilmington and Tewksbury include from left, Tewksbury's Victoria Mirabito, Wilmington's Liz Gordon and Tewksbury's Katie Garcia. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The senior members of this year's WHS Boys Basketball team includes front row from left: Joseph Gaudreau, Stephen Bonish, Cameron Walsh, and Robert DuCharme; and back row from left, Russell Abbott, Daniel Judkins, Zachary Richards, and Michael Cocca. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Blank Melrose while raising \$757 for breast cancer

Wilmington gets back into the win column

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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WILMINGTON - Days after a dismal performance in a home victory against a two-win Wakefield team, the Wilmington High School boys' hockey team rebounded with two outstanding performances, including a tough 1-0 loss to Reading on Wednesday, followed by a 4-0 convincing win over Melrose at home on Saturday.

"I was pleased with our approach to the Melrose game and the effort," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "We were solid in all three zones and got scoring from three different lines. The goaltending was excellent and the defensemen were good. We only allowed 16 shots on net."

The 1-1 week puts Wilmington at 4-7-4 overall. The Wildcats can still qualify for the state tournament two different ways, either finishing 4-0-1 in their final five games or finishing in second place in the Middlesex League Freedom Division.

Currently, Stoneham is in second place with 10 points and three games left against Burlington, Wilmington and Melrose. Melrose is in third place with 9 points and games with Burlington, Wakefield and Wilmington, while the 'Cats have 8 points and will face Wakefield, Stoneham and Burlington.

The 'Cats will have to defeat both Wakefield and Stoneham, while getting some help from Burlington.

Or the 'Cats can qualify with four wins against Wakefield, Stoneham, Burlington, Medfield and Tewksbury, which would give the team an 8-8-4 overall record and the necessary 20 points to qualify for the Division 1 North Sectional Tournament for the second straight year.

"We still control our own destiny, both in the (Freedom Division) and getting to twenty points," said Scanlon. "We can't afford to look down the road. We have to play one period at a time."

In the game against Melrose (5-7-3), the program held a fundraising event raising \$757.17 for Breast Cancer Awareness.

On the ice, the 'Cats relied on another very strong performance by junior netminder Ryan St. Jean, who turned away all 16 shots for the shut out, while four different players found the back of the net including Nate DiMeco, Andrew Sullivan, Tom Worob and

Danny Woods (empty-netter).

Defenseman AJ McKearney added two assists, while, Joe Mirabella, Conlin Duffy, Josh Buske and Bobby Lord had one each.

Last Wednesday, the Wildcats went to the Burbank Arena to take on a very good Reading team and came away with a very tough 1-0 loss.

"We played really well and it was completely different from the other night (against Wakefield)," said Scanlon. "You never would have guessed that it was the same team from one game to the other. Reading outshot us, 23-22, there was one penalty on both teams and this was just a real good effort by our kids."

"We did a real nice job of neutralizing the (Michael) Tobin kid. He is one of the most explosive players in the league."

Michael Tobin currently has 11 goals and 17 assists for the Rockets, who currently have a 10-5-1 record.

Reading scored the lone goal coming in the fifth minute of the third period. Wilmington had a real good chance with about five minutes left in the game as Lord's bid fell short.

Scanlon added that forward Worob, all four defensemen Jarred Aucoin, Tommy Robarge, Duffy and McKearney all had very strong games as did goaltender St. Jean, who turned away 22 shots.

Wilmington faced Wakefield on Wednesday night with results not known as of presstime, and will return home on Monday night to face Medfield (7-6-1) at 8 pm.

GIRLS HOCKEY

The Wildcats had a tough week in terms of the results, but had a great week in terms of grit and determination.

Last Wednesday the Wildcats played arguably its best game of the season losing to Reading (11-1-1), 4-2.

After that were losses to Melrose, 5-1, and then to Wakefield, 8-4, on Tuesday night despite being extremely shorthanded.

Emily Hayden, Bridget O'Shea, Jocelyn Palmer and Olivia Wingate scored single goals, while, Emma Surette, Palmer and Wingate had one assist each.

The three losses puts Wilmington at 3-9-4 overall and officially eliminates the team from a state tournament appearance.



Above, the Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team wore pink game jerseys on Saturday as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraising Game. The team raised \$757 and also defeated Melrose. (courtesy photo).

Below are the senior members of the WHS Girls team including from left, Ellen Farrell, Sam Grasso and Nicole Gianattasio. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



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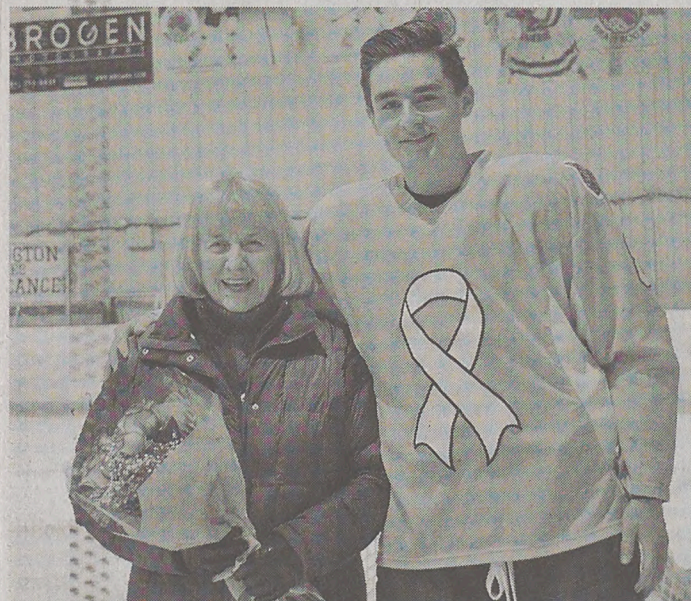
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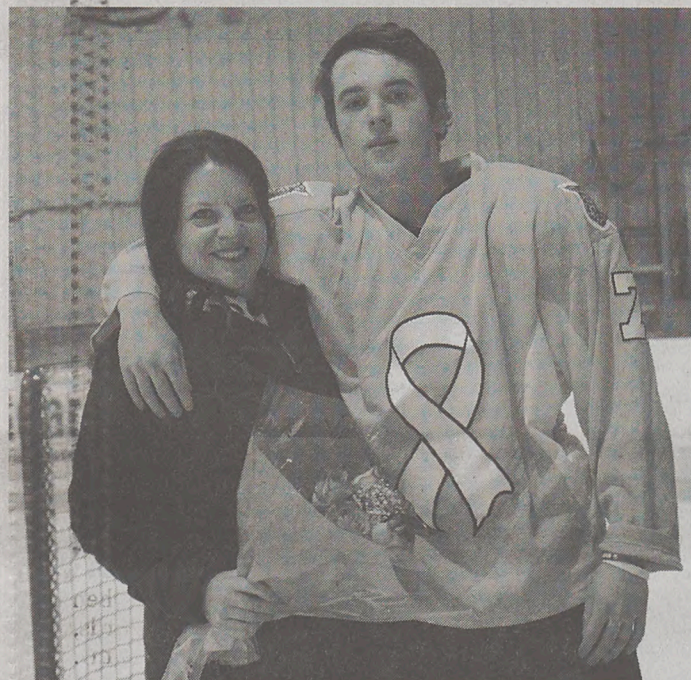
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Above AJ McKearney with his grandmother Jane, and below Andrew Sullivan with his mother Nancy during Saturday's Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraising Event held before the WHS Boys Hockey game. (courtesy photos).



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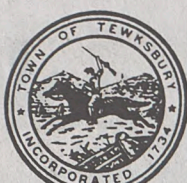
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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing February 15th, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Thomas Estates LLC for a Notice of Intent for the construction of a single family home, garage and swimming pool in an existing subdivision within 100 feet of bordering vegetated wetlands. Said Property is located at 100 Frasier Lane, Map 25 Lot 83.

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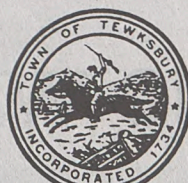
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Stefania Gallo
Conservation
Administrator
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COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing February 15th, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by James Andella for a Notice of Intent to flatten a portion of property within 100 feet of bordering vegetated wetlands. Said Property is located at 624 Clark Road, Map 11 Lot 21.

Stefania Gallo
Conservation
Administrator
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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing February 15th, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by William L. French, Jr. for a Notice of Intent to continue the previously approved expansion of St. Mary's Cemetery through the deposition of 150,000 cubic yards of clean fill. The property is within 100 feet of bordering vegetated wetlands. Said Property is located at 90 River Road, Map 15 Lot 7 & 13.

Stefania Gallo
Conservation
Administrator
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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

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Stefania Gallo
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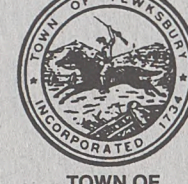
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on February 27, 2017 at 7:20 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Jennifer and Ronald Pereira for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a garage with a family suite above not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 40 David Morris Road, Assessor's Map 59, Lot 29, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice is also published on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson,
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TOWN OF
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BOARD OF APPEALS

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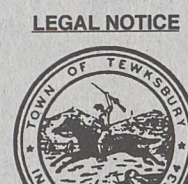
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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on February 23, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by William F. Gramer, Esq. on behalf of JDB Realty Trust, LLC for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B and a special permit under Section 3670 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to demolish existing single-family home and construct a new single-family home. Said property is located at 155 East Street, Assessor's Map 61, Lot 66, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Dugan,
Chairman
170154 2/8,15/17

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
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PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on February 27, 2017 at 7:10 P.M. at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by John D. Sullivan for a Site Plan Special Permit to convert the existing main dwelling at the front of the property into a retail bank with drive thru and raze the existing carriage house at the rear of the property as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 24 Pleasant Street/1039 Main Street, Assessor's Map 47, Lot 123, zoned Commercial and Town Center Overlay District. The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Stephen Johnson,
Chair
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TOWN OF
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DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Replacement of
Sludge Drive Sprockets
Contract PW-17-05

Sealed Bids for Replacement of Sludge Drive Sprockets (the "Work") will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 10:00 AM on February 16, 2017, at which time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract Documents are available after 10:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 by going to www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 87153 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

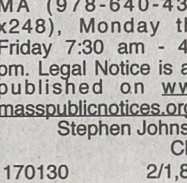
Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a bid bond, or certified check, and/or a treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5 percent of the bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

The bidding and Award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30, §39M. The Town reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

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COMMONWEALTH OF
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LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT

16 SM 009415

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Thomas C. Joyce and Jennifer M. Joyce

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 et seq.

U.S. Bank National Association

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in

Wilmington, numbered 14 King Street, given by

Thomas C. Joyce and Jennifer M. Joyce to

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for

Washington Trust Mortgage Company LLC, dated March 6, 2013,

and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of

Deeds in Book 27082, Page 255, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment,

have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers

status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the

benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the

above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written

appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on

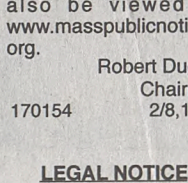
or before March 6, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the

benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on January 28, 2017

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT

ORDER OF NOTICE

SM CASE NO. 16SM009339

TO: Brian J. Hoyt and Kristine Hoyt

and all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 et seq.

Citizens Bank, National Association, f/k/a RBS Citizens, National Association

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in

Wilmington, numbered 4 Faneuil Drive, given by

Brian J. Hoyt and Kristine Hoyt to Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, dated June 25, 2005, and recorded in

Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19004, Page 154,

and now held by Plaintiff as successor by merger, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the

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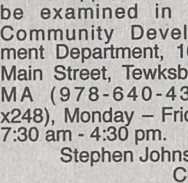
or before March 13 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the

benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of said Court on January 19, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
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LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT

ORDER OF NOTICE

16 SM 011700

TO: Jeannette Gordon and David Gordon a/k/a David J. Gordon

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 et seq.

Bank of America, N.A. s/b/m Fleet National Bank

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in

Wilmington, numbered 802 Lords Court, given by Jeannette Gordon and David Gordon to

Fleet National Bank, dated December 3, 2004, and recorded in

Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18274, Page 288, and

now held by the plaintiff as successor by merger, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the

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appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on

or before March 6, 2017, or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the

benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of said Court on January 19, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

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Three WHS Soccer players sign on the dotted line

FROM PAGE SP1W

the soccer player and more importantly the young adult she is today had it not been for her large support group.

"I would like to thank Wilmington High School for hosting this for us today," she said. "This has been a dream of mine since I was three years old and I am honored to be here sharing in this with my teammates Julianna and Stephanie. First and most importantly I would like to thank my mom, dad, sisters and brothers for all the sacrifices you have made along the way to get me to this point.

"(I want to thank my) grandparents for cheering me on at almost every one of my thousands of games. (I want to thank) my Wilmington Youth Soccer coach Leo Figueiredo, thanks for pushing me at such a young age so I could achieve my goals. (I want to thank) Coach Hendee and my Wilmington High teammates - it's been a privilege playing on this field with you these last four years.

"Last but certainly not least (I want to thank) my NEFC coaches Ebbie and Pete. There are not enough words to express my gratitude for all you have done. I would not be up here today without your guidance, patience, and friendship. I am so excited for the opportunity to wear the No. 3 as a Northeastern Husky."

STEPHANIE FIGUEIREDO

Figueiredo will be attending Lenoir-Rhyne University which is located in Hickory,

North Carolina. This past fall the Bears finished 13-5-2 out of the South Atlantic Conference. The season ended with a first round loss to Armstrong State in the NCAA Division 2 playoffs. Head coach Gary Higgins is thrilled to be adding Figueiredo to this upcoming team's roster.

"We are very excited about having Stephanie be part of our program this coming fall. She is a talented soccer player, with a lot of potential," he said. "I first saw Stephanie play at the Disney Soccer Showcase down in Orlando, Florida. The first thing I noticed about her was her athleticism. I also liked her composure on the ball. We brought her down for an official visit a couple of months later and she continued to impress. She practiced with the team and did not look out of place.

"When Stephanie came down for a visit, we were able to determine that she is very dedicated to soccer and that she comes from a family that loves the game. Her parents have done a great job raising her, and if she continues to work hard and develop over the next few years, she will be very successful on and off the field at Lenoir-Rhyne University. We are excited to see what the future holds for Stephanie, and we are optimistic that she will do well for us."

Figueiredo comes from a soccer family as her father Leo is a longtime player and coach, while her brothers also played at WHS and in college.

"Today is a day that I could

never have imagined being a part of," she said. "I grew up into a very soccer-driven family, and was given the opportunity to be coached by one of the best coaches I've ever had, who also happens to be my Dad. I feel that I am here today because of the coaching and advice that I have received from him. Having him as my coach, and two amazing brothers who are great soccer players too, has inspired me to work hard to achieve my goals and make them proud."

She was asked why she selected a school in North Carolina.

"There were several factors in helping me to choose Lenoir-Rhyne," she answered. "The most important for me was that it had a well-respected Nursing program, which is the major that I am pursuing. The second was the reputation and success of both the Coach and the team. I committed to LR because the second I stepped on campus I fell in love. The team and coaches made me feel at home showing me around campus."

"The idea of going far away wasn't as scary as I thought, and I liked the idea of starting fresh and meeting new people."

The three girls, along with Nadia Barletta, were a part of four straight league championship teams at WHS, including finishing those four years with a regular season record of 63-1-8 and an overall record of 68-5-8, including reaching the Division 2 State Final during their freshman season.

Girls hope to be 'Super' focused next time

FROM PAGE SP5W

and Sofia have both stepped up their performances and I'm happy for the both of them having saved their best for their last indoor meet."

Another big personal record came from Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo, who ran an incredible five second personal record in the 600, finishing 20th with a time of 1:53.02.

"As a freshmen right now she looks to have a bright future for herself in this event as long as she trains hard year round," said Schell. "Unfortunately she was unable to compete in the

high jump which she has come along very well for us all season, but this allowed her to focus everything on her race and she made the best of it."

The last personal best came from Mia O'Connell, who ran a 3:42 in the 1,000, which was good for 28th place.

Rounding out the performers included: Abigail Genter (14th in the two-mile); Anna De La Cruz (18th in the two-mile); Samantha Burke (21st in the two-mile); Sadie DeAmbrose (22nd in the 1,000); Kerri Barnum (29th in the 55-meter hurdles); Lailoo Perriello (30th in the mile); Julianna Iocco (31st in the mile) and Kayla Driscoll (33rd in the 55-meter hurdles).

"With states coming up next we desperately need to refocus or else it is going to be a long day," said Schell.

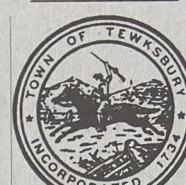
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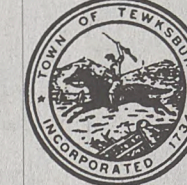
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Said property is located at 307 Old Boston Road, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 23, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice is also published on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson,
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SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on February 27, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by JDS Enterprises for a Site Plan Special Permit to rearrange southern entranceway and parking for existing building, construct a 2,600 sf commercial building, and construct a separate 4,000 sf 8-unit residential building on vacant lot as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 940 and 960 Main Street, Assessor's Map 47, Lots 76 and 77, zoned Municipal, Commercial and Town Center Overlay District.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7



Wilmington High School Seniors Cam Walsh, Steven Bonish and Rob Ducharme spent some time with the Wilmington Fifth Grade Travel Basketball team and explained the importance of hard work and teamwork. (courtesy photo).

Pee Wee 3's edge out AB, 3-2

The Wilmington Wildcats Pee Wee 3 youth hockey team got back to its winning ways on Super Bowl Sunday afternoon when the Wildcats traveled out to Boxborough to battle the third place Acton/Boxborough Pee Wee 3 team and came away with an exciting 3-2 victory.

In an evenly matched contest it would be Wilmington getting on the scoreboard first. After doing a great job of keeping the puck in the offensive zone, Paige Fuller put a "scorching shot on net beating the A/B goaltender cleanly getting her first goal of the season and giving the Wildcats a 1-0 lead just over four minutes into the game.

During a penalty stricken first period, the Wildcats found themselves back on their heels. If not for the exceptional goaltending from Jake McLean accompanied by a strong defensive effort from Fuller, Aadarrsh Sivakumar, Jordan Legere, and Thomas Foley the first period could have gotten ugly for the Cats.

However, a solid penalty killing team effort allowed Wilmington to take the 1-0 lead to the end of the period.

In the second period the aggressive line of Alex Burns, Brett Gallucci, and Lexi Engvaldsen challenged the A/B net minder several times early on. Just under three minutes in, however, A/B tied the game by sneaking in a rebound shot. This fired up the Wildcats and the offensive line of Dylan Mullarky, Srikar Mallajosyula, and Will LaMonica applied pressure and created some good scoring chances.

At the halfway point of the second period Mike Maselli won the battle for the puck down low in A/B's end and fed a sweet pass from behind the net to Bobby Dodge out front. Dodge buried the puck for the go ahead goal.

A little over one minute later on the same shift Tyler Sheehan hit Maselli with a

pass who set up Dodge again with another good pass. Dodge beat one defender and fired a hard shot past the Acton/Boxborough goalie making it 3-1 Wilmington.

The Wildcats continued to play hard at both ends of the ice. Despite their great effort, A/B was able to close the gap a little with another rebound goal after a great initial leg save by McLean with under one minute left in the second period.

Wilmington would take the 3-2 lead into the final frame of this contest. Both teams battled hard for the last twelve minutes. Offensively, the Wildcats had several chances to extend their lead, some good goaltending and a couple of hit post held the Cats at three goals.

Defensively, the Cats were massive especially down the home stretch. A/B pulled the goalie with 1:45 left in an attempt to tie the game. Jake McLean stood tall stopping everything including a breakaway to help the Wildcats secure the 3-2 victory.

Also in attendance supporting his team was injured Wildcat, Nicholas Spencer.

BANTAM 2's

On Sunday morning at Burlington, the Wilmington Youth Hockey Bantam 2 team took on Waltham. Max Churchill was in net, with Joseph Cornish moving back to join regular defensemen Zach Smith, Harry Serounian, and Connor Hill. Down one forward, Drew Gallucci and Joseph Hartzell centered rotating pairs of wings. Anthony Bowker and Jake Fox started at left and right wing.

After a slow start, Waltham opened the scoring halfway through the first period with a goal that many thought was knocked in by a high stick. The goal stood, but the Wildcats came roaring back only 19 seconds after the

center ice faceoff. Joseph Hansen scored the goal with an assist from Gallucci to tie the game, and only 24 seconds after that, Gallucci set up Nate Packer for a go-ahead goal.

After changing the forward lines for the next puck drop, Harry Serounian scored sin another twenty-four seconds, knocking in a loose puck on the goal front scrum.

With three goals in less than a minute of game time, Wilmington took firm command of the game.

Late in the first, Joseph Hansen struck again, taking an outlet pass from Joseph Hartzell to run the score to 4-1.

Continuing the shift after the faceoff, the Wildcats set up shop in the Waltham zone and Hartzell fed the puck from the corner to set up Hansen for the hat trick to give Wilmington a 5-1 lead after the first period.

The pace slowed in the second period, but six minutes in, with Drew Gallucci at center between Colin Walsh and left wing Cody Mercuri, it was Mercuri getting the goal, and Gallucci earning his third assist of the game.

The Wildcats enjoyed extended power play time as Waltham was whistled for consecutive penalties late in the second period.

With the blue and white unable to extend the lead, it was Waltham with a power play goal early in the third period to show some signs of life. But Wilmington again assumed the better of the play, finally adding to the goal count with Cody Mercuri scoring his second of the game with under four minutes remaining.

Waltham pushed back with a late power play goal to set the final mark for the 7-3 Wildcat win. The offensive outburst showed four different goal scorers including a hat trick and a two goal performance, and two players with three assists.

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Thursday	February 9	V Boys Hoop	vs Malden	7:00 pm
Friday	February 10	V Girls Hoop	vs Chelmsford	7:00 pm
Friday	February 10	V Boys Hoop	at Chelmsford	7:00 pm
Saturday	February 11	V Wrestling	at D2 Sectionals	10:00 am
Saturday	February 11	V Boys Hockey	vs Lin-Sudbury	7:20 pm
Saturday	February 11	V Girls Hockey	at Lin-Sudbury	7:30 pm
Tuesday	February 14	V Boys Hoop	vs Billerica	7:00 pm
Tuesday	February 14	V Girls Hoop	at Billerica	7:00 pm
Wednesday	February 15	V Girls Hockey	vs Boston Latin	5:00 pm
Wednesday	February 15	V Boys Hockey	at Methuen	7:00 pm
Wilmington High Sports				
Friday	February 10	V Boys Hoop	vs Watertown	7:00 pm
Friday	February 10	V Girls Hoop	at Watertown	7:00 pm
Saturday	February 11	V Wrestling	at D3 Sectionals	10:00 am
Saturday	February 11	V Girls Hockey	at Watertown	12:30 pm
Monday	February 13	V Boys Hockey	vs Medfield	8:00 pm
Tuesday	February 14	V Boys Hoop	vs Stoneham	6:00 pm
Tuesday	February 14	V Girls Hoop	vs Stoneham	6:00 pm
Wednesday	February 15	V Girls Hockey	at Stoneham	6:00 pm
Wednesday	February 15	V Boys Hockey	vs Stoneham	8:00 pm
Thursday	February 16	V Girls Hoop	at Burlington	7:00 pm
Thursday	February 16	V Boys Hoop	vs Burlington	7:00 pm
Thursday	February 16	B/G Track	at D4 Meet	4:30 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	February 9	V Girls Hockey	vs Bishop Fenwick	5:00 pm
Thursday	February 9	V Boys Hockey	vs Essex Tech	7:10 pm
Friday	February 10	V Boys Hoop	at Mystic Valley	5:30 pm
Saturday	February 11	V Wrestling	at D1 Sectionals	10:00 am
Saturday	February 11	V Girls Hockey	at Mansfield	2:10 pm
Saturday	February 11	V Boys Hockey	at Northeast	8:00 pm
Sunday	February 12	V Girls Hoop	at Lowell Catholic	2:30 pm
Tuesday	February 14	V Boys Hoop	at Arlington Catholic	7:00 pm
Wednesday	February 15	V Girls Hockey	vs Bishop Fenwick	7:00 pm
Wednesday	February 15	V Boys Hockey	at Attleboro	7:00 pm

Shawsheen Tech Sports Round-Up

Both swim teams continue to dominate in the pool

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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ANDOVER -- The Shawsheen Tech Boys and Girls Swimming teams both had very successful outcomes at the State Vocational School Swimming and Diving Championships and CAC League Meet last Wednesday and Thursday at Greater Lawrence Tech.

The girls team won the State Vocational Championship for an incredible 11th straight season, while finishing second in the CAC League Meet behind Mystic Valley, while the boys squad earned a second place finish in the vocational meet behind Greater Lowell and finished third in the CAC Meet behind Mystic Valley and Greater Lowell.

In the boys meet, Shawsheen had several outstanding performances, including the 200-yard medley relay where the four-some of Cody Biancuzzo, Tim Comeau, Ryan Callahan, Shawn Marshall earned a third place finish in a time of 1:58.21.

The Rams also performed well in the 200-meter freestyle relay, with Marshall, Robert Danehy, Amaan Shaikh and Sam Chebook taking third in 1:50.06, and Kyle Simonds, Will Bouley, Danny Porcaro and Biancuzzo taking fourth in 1:50.93.

Shawsheen took fifth in the 400-meter freestyle relay behind the efforts of Jonathan O'Neill, Joe Dinsmore, Shaikh and Comeau finishing in 4:11.26.

In the 200-meter freestyle, Dinsmore earned a second place finish in a time of 2:10.29. Dinsmore also earned a fourth place finish in the 500-meter freestyle in a time of 5:57.74, while in the 200-individual medley Jonathan O'Neil got on the score sheet with a sixth place finish in a time of 2:27.44. O'Neil also took sixth in the 100-backstroke in a time of 1:09.20.

Also earning points for Shawsheen were Simonds with a fifth place finish in the 50-meter freestyle in a time of 26.34, Chebook in the 100-meter butterfly in a time of 1:10.03, followed by Callahan in the same event in a time of 1:16.60.

Mystic Valley scored a total of 395 points to take the CAC Meet, while Greater Lowell scored 276 and Shawsheen scored 207. In Vocational Meet scoring, held simultaneously, Greater Lowell led the way with 394 points, while Shawsheen was second with 319.

On the girls side, the Lady Rams raced their way to their 11th straight vocational title behind several outstanding efforts, starting once again in the relay events, where Deborah Boudrot, Hayley Ferguson, Carli Spada, Kendra Swift finished third in the 200-medley relay in a time of 2:11.67.

Meanwhile in the 200-meter freestyle relay, the foursome of Ferguson, Spada, Taylor Giordano and Jackie Broderick were fourth in a time of 2:11.10, and in the 400-freestyle relay, Swift, Boudrot, Broderick and Brooke Morrissey took fourth in 4:46.47 and Nicole Bennett, Kinsey Boutwell, Danielle Liscio and Erica Schafer were sixth in 5:09.97.

Individually the Lady Rams were even better than in the relays, with Ferguson taking third in the 200-individual medley in 2:40.81, followed by Deborah Boudrot in fifth in 3:01.47.

In addition to her exploits with the relay teams, Swift also took third in the 50-meter freestyle in a time of 28.16, and second in the 100-meter freestyle in 1:03.49.

Spada was fourth in the 100-meter freestyle at 1:07.92, while also taking sixth in the 100-backstroke in a time of 1:17.41, while Ferguson was third in the 100 meter breaststroke in 1:19.56.

Mystic Valley outdistanced the competition in the CAC



The Shawsheen Tech Boys and Girls Swim teams had big performances this past week. Above includes the local swimmers including Wilmington residents in the front: Ryan Callahan, Hailey Costello, Selina Barczak, Carli Spada, Kendra Swift, Nicole Roberts, Team Captain Tim Comeau, Team Manager Daniel Liscio and Sean Marshall; back row include the Tewksbury residents from left: Robert Danehy, Andrek Goday, Jamie Quintiliani, Nicole Bennett, Madalena Navarrete, Hailey Natale, Michael Bankowski, and Team Manager Emily Langon. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Meet, putting up 462 points, with Shawsheen taking second with 217, while in the vocational meet, the Lady Rams won the championship with 351 points, edging Greater Lowell, who finished with 344.

GIRLS HOOP

It was another big week for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team, as the Lady Rams won two more games, pushing their winning streak to four games, giving them five wins in their past six games, as they came up with wins over Greater Lowell at home last Tuesday, and Notre Dame on the road on Friday.

Against Greater Lowell, the Lady Rams dominated on their way to a 59-47 victory. Making the win even more impressive for Shawsheen is that they had been blown out by the Gryphons by a score of 54-26 in the second game of the season.

While outside observers may have been surprised in the huge reversal in results, Shawsheen coach Aimee Sueltenfuss was not.

"I knew that we were a different team and when we started preparing for that game I made sure that we focused on our intensity from the start," Sueltenfuss said. "It began during warmups that night when Greater Lowell was warming up with a feel that they had nothing to worry about."

"Senior Annmarie Riddle who has stepped up as our on the court leader with both Danielle Papa and Tara Mickle being out hurt came over to me and said watching them is making me angry because they seem so sure of themselves. She went back to the team huddle and used that to fire us up and I think we knew from then we could do it."

Sophomore guard Shannon Fitzgerald led the way for Shawsheen with 18 points and five steals. She would have another great game on Friday in the Lady Rams 55-38 win over Notre Dame, with 14 points, nine assists and seven steals.

"Shannon is becoming a phenomenal all around player," Sueltenfuss said. "She has finesse on her shot and she has great hands defensively so she makes a lot of things happen. She plays on the top in our zone and can very easily loosen the ball

up and take off down the court."

Sophomore guard Samantha Moriconi added nine points and 13 rebounds, while Riddle had ten points and nine rebounds in addition to her motivational leadership for her team.

The strong play continued for the Lady Rams against Notre Dame, as they got an outstanding defensive effort to pick up the win and improve to 9-5 on the season. The game also marked the return of senior center Tara Mickle to the lineup, after she had missed most of the season due to injury.

"The game was very important to us with Tara being cleared on Thursday. We let them stick a little too close to us and I went to Tara from the bench and the support of our team and the fans with the cheers really gave us some momentum," Sueltenfuss said. "She has had a hard time facing the season from the bench so especially the young players got to see what she can bring to the games down the stretch."

For the second game in a row, Sam Moriconi seemed to be back on her game, scoring eight points and adding eight rebounds. After struggling for a few games, the talented guard seems to be back on track for the Lady Rams.

"I think a big part of her success is two things lately," Sueltenfuss said. "First she is believing in herself and wanting the ball in her hands and second we have a set lineup that has been the same for two weeks and she is really getting comfortable with the players she is with."

The winning streak came to an end for the Lady Rams on Monday night when they suffered 55-36 road loss to Manchester Essex.

According to Sueltenfuss, the loss shows that as well as they have been playing there is still some work for the Lady Rams to do before the Division 4 state tournament.

"I think Manchester Essex is the best team on our schedule. They are a Division 3 North program that is having a really good season," Sueltenfuss said. "What I wanted from the game was to play better than we did the first time and to use this game to prepare us for a big stretch of rematches we have coming up. Points wise we played better but overall there were



Shawsheen Tech's Sam Baker dishes a pass while under pressure from a Chelsea player during a recently held home game. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

a lot of things we still can be better at."

BOYS HOOP

Like their female counterparts, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team has been playing well as of late, but unfortunately for the Rams their solid play has not turned into wins, as they have dropped three close games in a row to drop their record on the season to 6-8 overall.

The Rams most recent loss came back on Tuesday, January 31 when they dropped a hard fought 55-50 decision to Greater Lowell on the road.

Leading the way for the Rams was senior Tyler Mickle who had 13 points and ten rebounds. Junior Carmine Rogato added 12 points and senior Sean Hines had 11. The Rams lead 17-16 after the first quarter, and 26-20 at half-time but did not play well in third quarter falling behind 40-28. Despite a great fourth quarter effort the Rams eventually fell short.

"This was a tough loss for us because we played so well for three quarters, but when you play a great team like Greater Lowell on the road, there isn't a lot of room for

error." Said Shawsheen coach Greg Bendel. "I am really pleased with our team's effort. They continue to fight through adversity and keep moving forward."

Despite falling to 6-8 overall Bendel remains positive that good things may still be in store for this group because of their work ethic.

"I am really proud of the way they keep battling every game, we still have a lot of games left," Bendel said.

Prior to their loss to Greater Lowell, the Rams had dropped a 65-61 decision to non-league rival Pentucket despite 20 points and five rebounds from Hines, and also fell by a score of 80-74 to Greater Lawrence despite 24 points each from Mickle and Rogato, with Mickle also added 12 rebounds to his effort.

WRESTLING

Last weekend, the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team geared up for this weekend's Division 1 North Sectional Tournament by competing in the Division 1 Coaches Dual Meet held at Franklin High School.

The Rams went 1-1 on the day against some of the best competition in the state, los-

ing a close match to St. John's Prep by a score of 33-28, and pulling out a narrow 34-30 triumph over Lawrence.

St. John's Prep, whom the Rams had defeated earlier in the season and knocked them out of the number one ranking in the state at the time, is currently ranked fifth in the state, while Lawrence is ranked 12th. Shawsheen is ranked sixth.

Jake Ferri (113, one pin), Chance Harper of Wilmington (138, one pin) and Tom Strow of Wilmington (145) won two matches apiece for the Rams, who wrapped up their regular season with a record of 19-5.

Vincent Foti (126) and Brian Caldwell (132) won their matches by pin against Lawrence.

The Rams will head into the Division North Sectionals at Methuen High School on Saturday, with a chance to do very well in several weight classes.

Ferri will lead the charge into the post season for the Rams, as he is currently ranked number one in the state at 113 pounds, and is also ranked as the number one pound for pound wrestler in the entire state.



Justin, Bryan, Stephen, Nate, Keohan, Joe, Callie, Aleya, and Jacob McCauley along with Derek Maguire during Tuesday's parade.

Incredible finish tops previous games

FROM PAGE SP2W

around and played absolutely phenomenal.

In the second half, Dante Hightower single handily got the Pats back in the game and Brady and company went to work, acting like Dr. Andrews in his latest Tommy John surgery. While that was happening, the Falcons' defense was on empty and they had to pull over at the side of the road needing to call for help.

Mr. Brady was nothing short of sensational. The same can be said for many of the wide receivers — Mitchell and Edelman were terrific, and running back James White had the game of his life.

And while those guys were making great catches, I was on the couch at my best friend's house with two of his sons and his wife (who is also my cousin), and we were yelling at Brady and the Pats to go to the 'Hurry-Up Offense' (I still don't understand that), all the while not really sure if this comeback was for real. After all, in the history of the NFL playoffs, teams trailing by 17 points or more heading into the fourth quarter were 0-124. One hundred

and twenty-four losses, and the Pats were down by 25!

Can someone please explain that to me? How does that happen?

Part of it was bad play calling by the Falcons — throwing the ball on the Pats 22, ahead by eight points with four minutes to go? Another part is Atlanta's defense was totally gassed, but the big part is the Pats' offense got rolling and could not be stopped.

It was truly magical to watch as all of you know. I loved every second of it even though my anxiety levels were going through the roof.

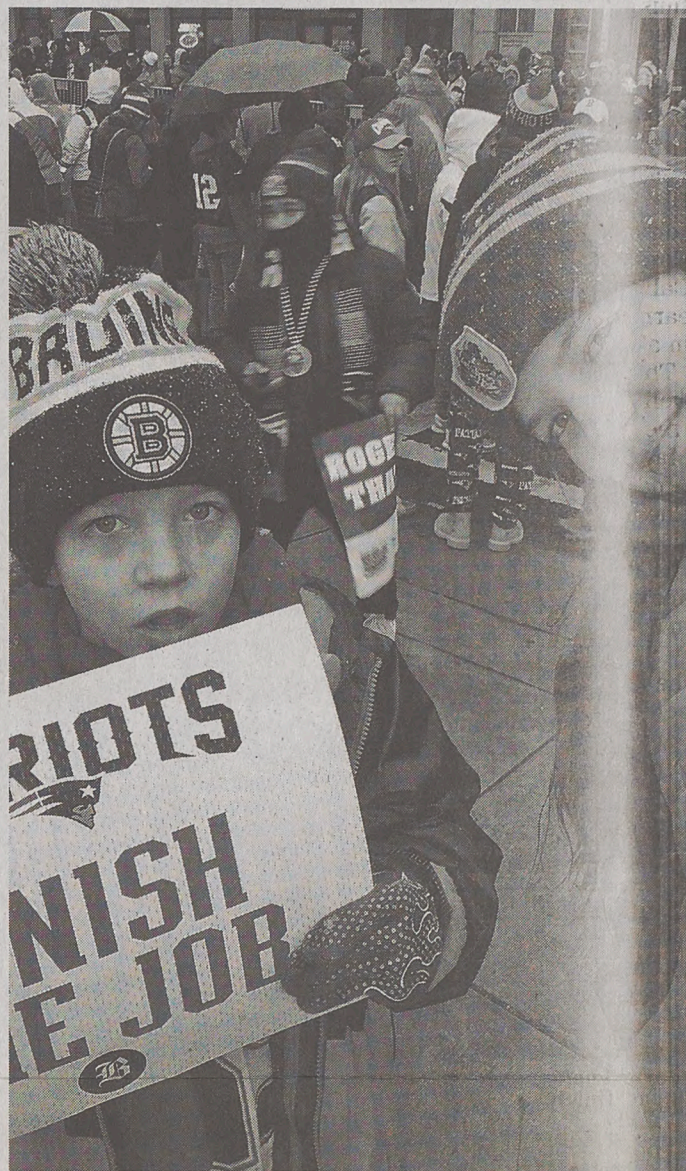
When White scored the touchdown we all realized that we saw something that no one saw coming, that could never be repeated again and most of all we saw history. True Sports History.

I don't know if Sunday's win tops the Red Sox Championship in 2004. That's a great argument to have at a bar someday. However, I do know that this Super Bowl win is still on my DVR, and come Thursday when I'm resting on my day off, I'll be home watching it in my glory, knowing and truly appreciating the five-time Champion New England Patriots and this monumental comeback win.

The only regret I have is this column, is knowing that my long dear friend and ultimate Pats fan Ronnie Barber, who passed before the Pats won their first title, wasn't one of the 112 million people who saw it on their TV. He saw it up above, with a big smile on his face.



Above, Nathan Murphy, Sean Marazi, Savannah Beatrice, Cody MacDonald, Connor Canevari, Riley Canevari, Nathan Moriarty, Caroline Gillis, Liam Callahan, Ellie Gillis, Lauren Smith, Devin MacDonald, Alex Murphy, Emma Callahan, Emma Moriarty, Parker Canevari, Caitlin Hayes, Liam Marazi and Meghan Smith are thrilled with the Pats come from behind victory and to the right, Lexi Bowen, 11, and Johnny Bowen, 8, display their love for the team.

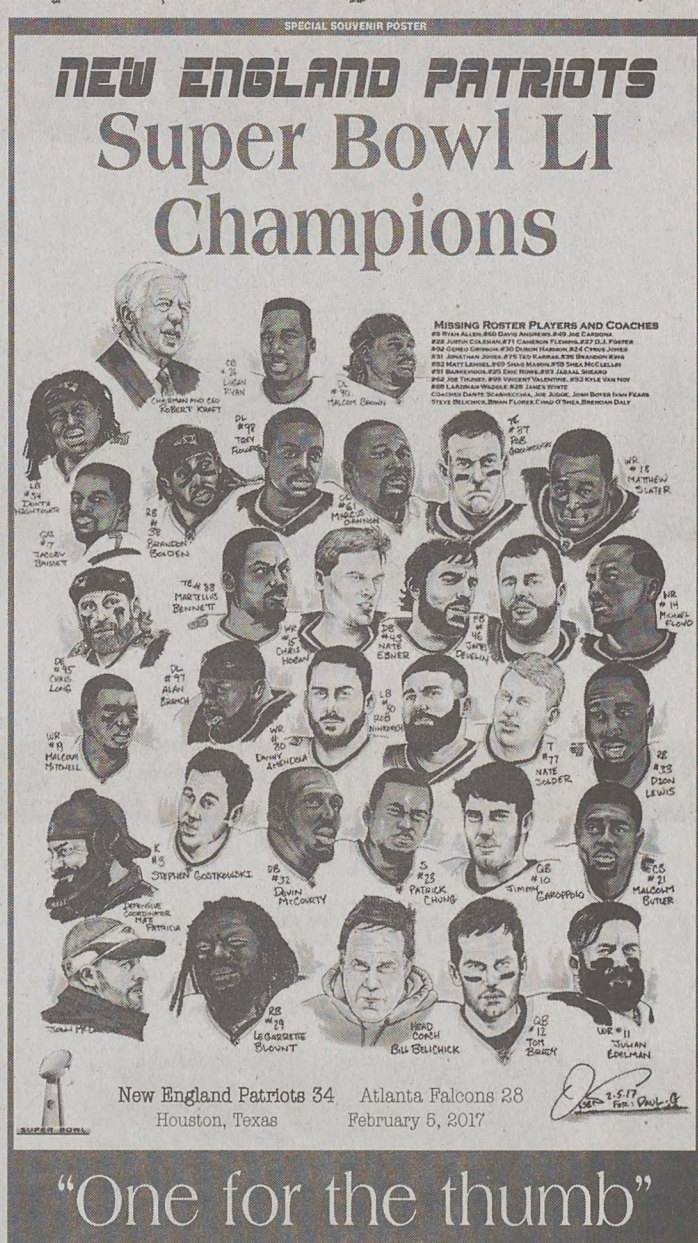


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